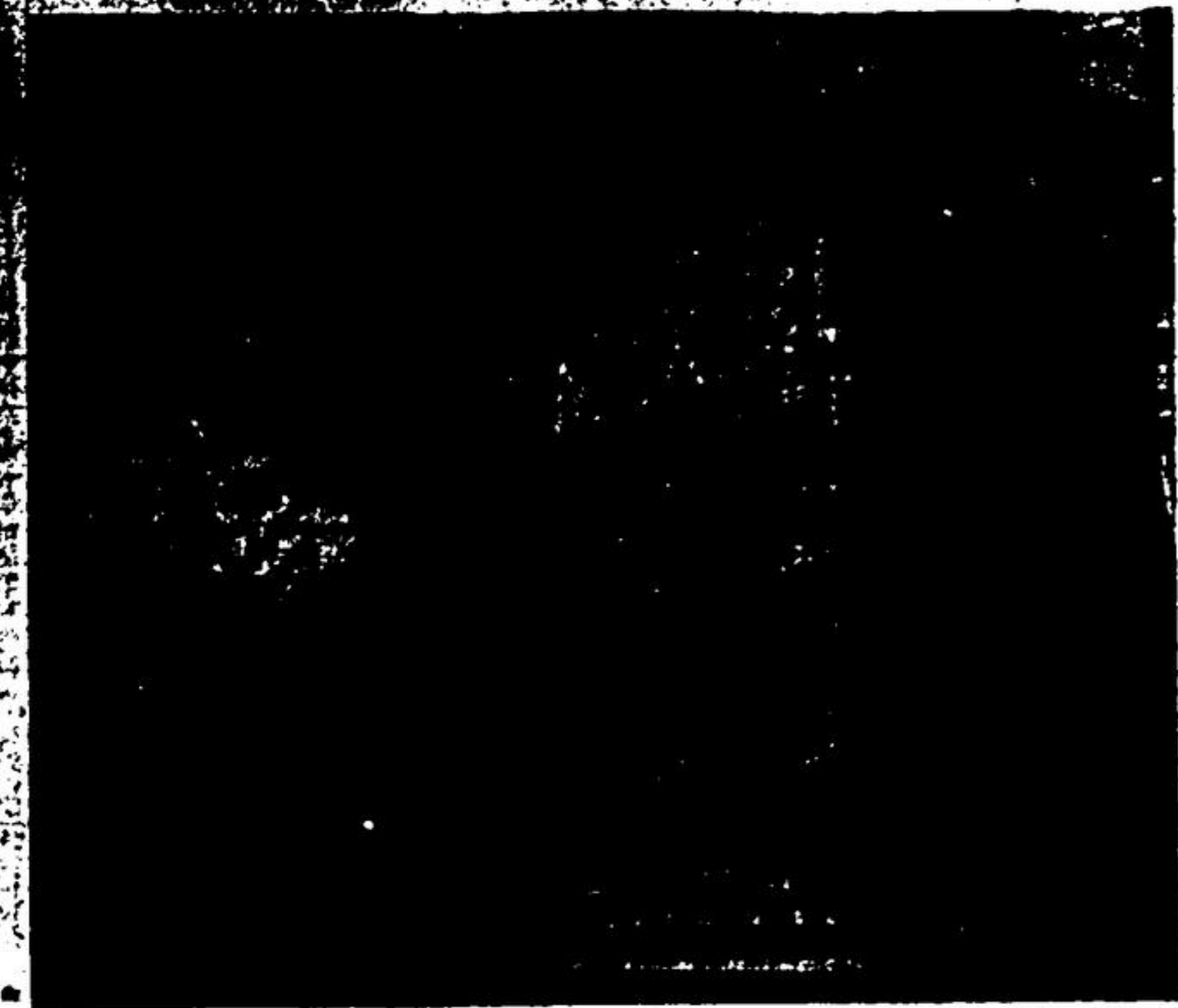


**ILLUMINATED SPEED SIGNS**



**FROM EAGLE SIGNAL A NORTH AMERICAN FIRST**  
**MRS. SHERLA McGUIGAN**, a staff employee with the Eagle Signal Division of the E. W. Bliss Co., Guelph St., holds a new product being manufactured there — an illuminated speed limit sign, the first of its kind in North America. The illuminated units will be used on 17 weigh scales in Alberta and company officials naturally would have no objections if a department of highways adopted the idea.

**Municipal Board Powerful Influence on Municipalities**

By Guyv-Kinsay  
 Special to the Herald  
 (First of Three Articles)

You've bought a house on a residential street. One day you learn that the zoning classification may be changed to permit the construction of a gas station or an office block on the corner.

You object, but probably because they want the extra assessment, your local municipal officials ignore your objections.

You persist — and by and by you find yourself putting your case to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Or you think you are being grossly over-assessed, or you've not been paid enough for that slice of your property taken for a new road. Again, if there's no local adjustment of your grievances, your case goes before the OMB.

Then you begin to realize how deeply this tribunal, the Ontario Municipal Board, affects the lives of Ontario's citizens.

**FAR REACHING POWERS**

The realization would grow if you went into municipal politics. You would then find the Board policing your municipal financing, ruling on your official plans, deciding on any special tax levies you may have thought up or any capital spending you've planned.

You might damn the Municipal Board for its "interference". You wouldn't be the first to do so, and certainly not the last. You would be in the company of such as North York's former reeve Norman Goodhead, who called the OMB "the most undemocratic malfunction ever foisted on a democratic society." That was after the Board had turned down an apartment project.

But in your calmer and more thoughtful moments, you would undoubtedly agree that if there were no Municipal Board, something like it would have to be invented.

**EARLY DEVELOPMENT**

The Ontario Municipal Board is rooted in necessity — its origins go back to the early fumbling effects at provincial government. It was an established body before the Department of Municipal Affairs was thought of.

The Ontario government set up a Bureau of Industries in 1922. It was authorized to demand from municipal officials such information as it required — the first attempt to compile data in the province.

Fifteen years later a provincial municipal auditor was appointed. He had authority to prescribe the system of book-keeping to be used by municipalities and school boards, to audit municipal accounts and investigate municipal affairs. The present deputy minister of Municipal Affairs, W. H. Palmer, comments:

"It appears that the potential control was much closer than was ever perceived."

In 1926 the Legislature set up the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board. It was to take the place of the railway com-



**HOSPITAL NEWS**  
 by L. M. C.

As mentioned in The Herald last week, all membership cards have been mailed out, and include any person (or group of persons) who donated \$50 or more to the hospital.

The membership cards are designed as recognition of the donor's service to the building of the hospital, and it is hoped that this in turn will increase interest and attendance in the annual meeting of the Association. This most important meeting has been poorly attended and it is hoped that many of the members will see fit to attend this year.

The Annual Meeting is to be held on Thursday, March 4th, in the Wrigglesworth School at 8 p.m. To vote one must be a member of the Association, and possess a membership card. As mentioned before, anyone having donated \$50 or over is automatically a member, or a yearly membership is \$3.00. Tickets can be obtained at ANY time prior to the meeting from the hospital office. We cannot stress too strongly how tremendous the boost would be to all hospital supporters, to see the hall-filled that evening.

The Women's Auxiliary once again gave a cheque to the Hospital — this one totalling some \$5000. The ladies have certainly been doing a wonderful job — and deserve the plaudits of the entire community for their efforts. Many times in the past the Hospital would have had to do without very necessary equipment or the replacement of same — were it not for the great fund-raising work of this group.

Incidentally, the Auxiliary is always looking for new members — and indeed could use many more in the various phases of their work. There is a niche for every woman in Georgetown for some kind of volunteer hospital work. And it will give you a great deal of satisfaction, too, in a worthwhile job!

GIIS students presented the Hospital with a cheque recently to purchase whatever was needed. This was a fine gesture on behalf of the youth of the town and district and reflects a great deal of thoughtfulness on the parts of our District High School students.

We believe a Guelph organization is presenting a number of district hospitals with wheel chairs, and Georgetown will be receiving one. The group is the Guelph Shrine Club, and it is expected the presentation will be made in the near future. The gift is in line with the Shrine's chief philanthropy, the operation and maintenance of two multi-million dollar hospitals for Crippled Children in Montreal and in Winnipeg.

Dr. Alan Thompson succeeds Dr. Alistair Macintosh as head of Georgetown Medical Association and chief of staff at the hospital. Since the inception of the Hospital, there have been three chiefs of staff, the original one being Dr. J. H. Chamberlain, who started his term upon opening of the Hospital.

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**Adopted School Closes IODE Project is Done**

Consolidation of schools has set out one creditable activity of the Countess of Strathmore Chapter, IODE.

For some years the chapter has sent gifts to an 'adopted' school in the Percy Sound district. Recent information came that the school has been closed, and pupils will attend a larger area school.

Members met on January 11 for their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. John T. Armstrong, Mrs. Oliver Hunter, educational convener, reported she had distributed IODE calendars to all the public schools, one for each classroom and a number to the high school. IODE headquarters is printing portfolios of historic pictures for Canada's 100th centennial and the Chapter plans to distribute these to the schools when they are ready.

February 12th has been set as the date for the Valentine dance at North Halton Golf and Country Club. Mrs. John Elliott and Mrs. Stan Wright are handling ticket sales.

It was decided to give another set of safety steps to the hospital to be installed in the room furnished by the Chapter.

Among recent activities, the ladies distributed twelve baskets of fruit at Christmas time to local blind citizens. Mrs. Percy Leslie made the deliveries, assisted by Mrs. W. Anderson and Richard Lickie.

Fifty members of the senior citizens group were entertained by the IODE in November. There was entertainment by Rita Timms, the Yerguson Trio and cards were played. Guests received favours and members arranged transportation for their guests. A letter of thanks was read at the meeting from the club secretary, Mrs. R. Carr.

A report on sale of Christmas cards showed this to be the best year financially.

Mrs. Deane Charles extended thanks to Mrs. Armstrong and the luncheon committee, Mrs. E. Timms, Mrs. R. Jones, Mrs. T. Rush, Mrs. W. Carr and Mrs. C. Keatner.

**LET'S PLAY BRIDGE**  
 By BILL COATES

Defense is always more difficult than offense in contract bridge. Declarer can manipulate his 28 cards any way that he wishes, but a defender has only 13 cards and must depend on his partner to make maximum use of their 28 cards.

Here is a hand from the Arlon Bridge Club that has me a bit puzzled. Good defense should usually set this hand, yet three declarers out of four made four hearts. Here is the board:

Dealer — South  
 Neither side vulnerable.

North  
 S-K 9 4  
 H-Q 10 8 6  
 D-A 10  
 C-K Q 4 3

West  
 S-10 7 6  
 H-K 5 2  
 D-9 8 2  
 C-10 8 5 3

East  
 S-Q J 8 5  
 H-A  
 D-Q 7 8 5 4 3  
 C-A 9

South  
 S-A 3 2  
 H-J 9 7 4 3  
 D-K J  
 C-J 8 7

Suggested bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1 C	1 D
1 H	Pass	3 H	Pass
4 H	Pass	Pass	Pass

East must take some action over North's opener. A double, for take out, is not practical since West may bid hearts. I think the diamond overall is best until there is further bidding.

Many bridge players fail to reevaluate their hand after partner's bids. North's hand is worth 16 points in support of hearts. His jump is a bit of a stretch but he needs to clarify his third hand opener. South has a good responding hand and goes to four hearts.

Since three declarers made 10 tricks at hearts, this is not an unreasonable contract. But how did they make it?

West leads a diamond in response to his partner's bid. This gives declarer a finesse which is useless. A round of trump to East's ace and a diamond back.

Declarer should lose two trump, the club ace and a spade

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**Rural Development Committee Planned by Farm Federation**

An active farmer in the district for many years, Denzil Lawrence was re-elected president of the Halton County Federation of Agriculture for a second term when Federation members held a reorganization meeting on Friday Jan. 15.

Halton Federation members agreed to set up a Rural Development Committee to study the needs of farmers in the county and see where people can be helped. The re-elected president of the Federation noted, by setting up this committee and by looking into problems in rural Halton, we might be able to get assistance through ARDA—Agricultural, Rehabilitation and Development Act.

The following officers were selected to serve on the executive of the Halton Federation for the coming year: president Denzil Lawrence, first vice-president Elmer Foster, second vice-president Tom Alderson, third vice-president Chester Early, fourth vice-president William Mahon and past president Clifford Brown. Roy Coulter was again appointed secretary-treasurer.

The following directors were also named: Burlington, Jack Taylor, William Trenwith, Mrs. Jack Taylor, Fred Bell, Elmer Foster and Marlon Hunter; Oakville, Denzil Lawrence, Tom Alderson, Frank Hall, Wilmer Mason, Mrs. T. Alderson and Paul May; Nassagaways, Archie Service, William Mahon, Clifford Brown, T. W. Kennedy, Mrs. C. Brown and Joy Hayward; Essexburg, Chester Early, Spencer Wilson, Allan Harrop, Richard McLaughlin and Roy Currie. All the commodity groups in the county are expected and requested to appoint one representative to the board of directors of the Federation.

Appointments were also made to the finance, property, education, insurance and rural development committees. The executive will serve as the finance committee and Frank Hall will head the property committee with William Trenwith, Fred Bell, George Peletier, Spencer Wilson, William Mahon and Bruce Frame.

Chester Early is chairman of the education committee and other members of the committee are Allan Harrop, Mrs. Tom Alderson, Mrs. Clifford Brown who represents the Women's Institutes in the county, Joy Hayward and Lloyd May.

Charles Harris is chairman of the insurance committee and other members are Roy Currie, Wilmer Mason, Paul May, Clifford Brown and Elmer Foster. Thomas Alderson was appointed chairman of the new rural development committee and other members are Jack Taylor, Richard McLaughlin, Henry Stanley, Marlon Hunter, Mrs. Jack Taylor and Archie Service. Mrs. T. Alderson was appointed as the Federation representative on the Halton Farm Safety Council.

**THREE TYPES**

Ontario Hydro operates 3 types of generating stations. Hydro-electric stations use falling water to generate electricity. Coal-burning power stations use steam to rotate a turbine, which, in turn, drives an electric generator. In a nuclear electric plant, heat from a nuclear reactor, instead of a furnace, produces the steam to drive the turbine.

**Program for Blind**

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind has developed a thorough program of aid to the blind and blindness prevention, states Mr. W. K. Lawson, field secretary for Halton. There are 85 blind persons in Halton County.



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