TAKE MAJOR BONSPIEL

—Peter Jones Photo

WHEELER STONE DEALERS ARE NOBLE CHAMPIONS

MRS MARY BIEHN, MRS. SHIRLEY Crichton, Mrs. Ruth Wallace, and Mrs. Nan Wheeler accept the Noble Trophy from donor Irwin Noble at the North Halton Curling Club where the rink won the award Saturday in one of the major ladies' section bonspiels of the season.

Flies Own Plane West For California Visit

"California or Bust" was a familiar slogan years ago, but a local man Waldo Diggins of King Street, brought it up to date when in a single engine aircraft, all alone, he flew to California, and back, and didn't "bust" until within an hour's flying time from home on the return trip.

After a five thousand, five hundred mile trip over the continent, he was forced down by a heavy snowstorm near London, Ont., and was lucky enough to find an abandoned airforce strip at Fingal Ont. Unhurt, both he and the plane, he was in the air again in an hour.

Go It Alone

He had not planned to make the flight solo, but at the last minute his fellow passenger couldn't get away, so he decided to go it alone. "It was a challenge", says Mr. Diggins. And it certainly was, since the farthest trip he had taken until then was a two hundred and fifty mile trip to Smith's Falls. In addition, he acquired his pilot's license only five months before, on July 1st, 1964. His wife, too, must share his adventurous spirit, since she flew with him the day after he received his pilot's license.

Leaving here December 19th, he put down at Indiana, Kansas, and El Paso, Texas, arriving in Los Angeles the day before Christmas. However, he had to leave his plane in Thermo, California, when he ran into severe windstorms, and turbulent wind currents in the mountain pass through to Los Angeles. "When I found many planes with much more experienced pilots had to put down there too, I felt much better", he confessed.

Thousand Miles Across

Despite much reading about his proposed route, Mr. Diggins was surprised to find the Rockies, not one hundred miles across, as he had imagined, but over a thousand.

On the bus trip from Thermo to Los Angeles he encountered tumbling tumbleweed for the first time, when a sandstorm blew up and drifted across the highway, bringing with it the the tumbling tumbleweed of Western ballad fame.

On arrival in Los Angeles he was greeted by his two brothers, both ex-Georgetowners, Bernard and Omar Diggins, and his daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. C. Farr.

Five days later he picked up his plane and flew it through the now not so turbulent pass to Van Nuyes airport, very close to his daughter's home. Then, on a true busman's holiday, he spent the rest of the time piloting his family, in turn, over Disneyland, Marineland, Catalina Island, and the famous Hollywood and Vine.

370 Gallons of Gas

He started his return trip January 11th and arrived home on the 14th, having taken 44 hours of actual flying time for the round trip, and having consumed approximately three hundred and seventy gallons of gas.

Only once in all the miles did he really get lost. That was when he found himself in Chicago. It seems the radio frequencies had been changed since he got the information, and he had been tuning into stations that no longer existed in that area. However, he soon picked up the new information and was on his way.

Another time his generator and radios went dead, so he used the magnetic compass to bring him into Quincy, Idaho, where repairs were made.

In addition, a few times he played peek-a-boo with the daylight, an especially hazardous pastime in the mountains, but each time got down safely before darkness set in in earnest.

Why did he do it, when it's so easy to hop a commercial plane and "leave the driving to them"? "Sure, it's lots faster and safer in a commercial plane", he admits, "but there's so much fun and adventure in flying your own small plane. It's the challenge", he repeated.

Women's League Plans For Opening of New Church

The Catholic Women's League of Holy Cross Church held their January meeting in Holy Cross School auditorium on January 19th. Rev. Father Otger Devent, Mrs. E. B. Tyers, President and 60 members were present. Mrs. Leonard Grittani read the minutes of the previous meeting, and Miss Mabel Chave gave the treasurer's report.

Mrs. Erleen Dean agreed to act as lunch convener for the remainder of the League year.

Mrs. Mary Persons outlined formative plans for the Parish 'Agape' at the occasion of the Blessing of the new Holy Cross Church — tentative date set for March 7th.

Mrs. Connie Nieuwhof asked for volunteer workers for the Canadian Red Cross; more particularly for assistance at the forthcoming Blood Donor Clinic.

After the business meeting, Father Otger asked all members to especially remember in their prayers, Sir Winston Churchill.

With the use of detailed illustrations, Father Otger explained the layout of the new church; the religious significance which influenced this particular church plan, and why this scheme of arrangement was employed. Father urged the members present to invite their friends and neighbours to come and inspect the new church, and assured them of a cordial welcome.

The meeting closed with prayers for the Church Unity Octave — a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity throughout the world. The lunch was convened by Mrs. Ed LeBlanc.

Hornby Farmer Represented Lorne Rifles at Coronation

A man who attended the coronation of King George V in 1911, John Lyon Robinson, 85, died in Milton hospital January 12 after a brief illness.

Mr. Robinson, while serving with the 20th Regiment (Lorne Rifles) as a warrant officer, was chosen to represent his unit at the coronation. This was one of the most memorable events of his life and his experiences while in Britain were always fresh in his mind.

Son of William Clendenning Robinson and Margaret Armstrong, he was born in Trafalgar Township. His mother died when he was fourteen, necessitating a curtailment of his schooling as, being the eldest, he was needed at home to help with the younger children. He attended Hornby Public School.

He married Mabel Helene Kindree in 1914 and they farmed in Trafalgar until he retired thirteen years ago and moved to Milton. Mr. Robinson was deaf for many years before the advent of hearing aids and as a result missed a great deal of conversations, however when he retired, his hearing aid restored this former lack. Reading and music were always a great joy to him and his keen wit and knowledge of current events was enjoyed by all who knew him.

He leaves his wife, one daughter Mrs. Cecil Davidson (Lois) of 10 Albert St., Georgetown, a brother Thomas Edward Robinson, R.R. 3, Georgetown and sisters Mrs. H. D. Thomson (Elma Eileen) of Milton and Mrs. Thomas Ballantyne (Verda Merle), Vancouver, B.C., and two grandchildren, Jane and Alan Davidson. He was predeceased by two sons, William Kindree and John Edward, and a brother George Carlton.

Mr. Robinson was a member of St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Hornby, and Canon J. E. Maxwell conducted the funeral service in the church on January 14. Pallbearers were Ross Lawrence, Marshall Nielsen, Peter Vanwouw, Roy Wilson, Jim McKay and Bus Knight. Interment was in St. Stephen's Church cemetery.

The most difficult thing with reference to securing a college education is studying.

Labour Council Gives Early Easter Donation

The District Labour Council which includes Georgetown union locals donated $25.00 toward the Easter Seal Campaign for Crippled Children of the Oakville Rotary Club. The early donation was made in line with a request of the Oakville Rotary Club which had asked the Labour Orgahization to provide for such donation within its budget. Since the Labour Council operates on incoming affiliation fees basis the donation was made immediately.

The Labour Body further voted to send two delegates to the annual Ontario Federation of Labour Educational Conference which will be held at Niagara Falls, Ontario on February 13th and 14th 1965. Brother Dirk Nieuwhaat of Local 1596 CLC (National Sewer Pipe Co. Clarkson) and J. McCarthy of Local 707 UAW (Ford Motor Company-Oakville) were selected by the assembly to attend. The following courses will be held: Consumer choice through Education, Containing Adult Education, Worker Training on the Job and while Unemployed, Formal Education - is it adequate and Education for Citizenship.

Course leaders will be prominent labour leaders of Ontario and Canada and several Ontario Government and Educational experts.

Cedar Springs Crash Injures Two Drivers

Two area men were involved in an accident in Norval, Friday, Jan. 22nd. Drivers Kenneth Miller 23, of Norval and James Robert Cain 32, of Glen Williams were not injured.

OPP investigated the accident estimated property damage at $75 to the Miller car and $100 to Cain's.

Both Jean Claud Marcoux of Acton and Arnold Leslie Bradley of Etobicoke suffered undetermined injuries in a crash on No. 7 Hwy. near Cedar Springs Motel Tuesday noon.

The Bradley car received $1100 damage and the Marcoux vehicle $900.

Appoint New Regional YMCA Field Secretary

The announcement of H. Arnold Ward as YMCA National Council Regional Field Secretary for Central Canada has been announced by Mrs. Gordon Hunt, National Council representative in Georgetown. Mr. Ward will co-ordinate all aspects of the National 'Y' co-operative services with the Georgetown & District YMCA-YWCA.

The announcement follows the reorganizational study of National Council which, in addition, to the creation of regional field staff includes other changes in National Council's program, personnel and administrative functions.

Mr. Ward, formerly National YMCA Personnel Services Secretary, now serves most Ontario Y's except Railway YMCAs (which will continue to be served by H. S. Snoyd, Transportation Secretary). In addition to the above assignment Mr. Ward will be the secretary related to the new National YMCA Committee on Relationships (with other organizations). Mr. Ward is being succeeded by M. B. Shantz as National YMCA Personnel Services Secretary.

A native of London, Ontario,

H. ARNOLD WARD

he studied at the University of Western Ontario and graduated from George Williams College in Chicago with a Bachelor's Degree in the Science of Administration.

He has served the YMCA in London, Ottawa and Toronto High Park. In 1948 he went 'on allocation' to the Community Chest of Greater Toronto, to carry out a special study of the needs of youth. In 1949 he joined the staff of National Council and his posts have included Adult Program Secretary, World Service Secretary, Community Foremen's Clubs Secretary and Personnel Services Secretary.

Among Mr. Ward's other relationships might be mentioned an active membership in Kiwanis International in which he has served as a Lieutenant Governor. He is married, has one daughter and two grandchildren. He is a member of Grace Church-on-the-Hill, Forest Hill Village.

ACTION ON THE ALLEYS

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Standing — Slowpokes 83, Astronauts 78½, Alley Cats 68, Untouchables 63½, Lucky Strikes 58, Speedballs 48, Men Weekly Triples — Ron Dykxhoorn 667. Singles — Pete Van Dyk 275. Ladies Weekly Triples — Ineke Weststeyn 629. Singles — Ineke Weststeyn 244. Men Season Triples — Andy de Boer 902. Singles — Con Oosterhof 340. Ladies Season Triples — Evelyn Vonsolkema 751. Singles — Shirley Vonsolkema 334. Averages — Ron Dykxhoorn 196, Clarence Baker 191, Con Oosterhof 190, Ed Schipper 190, Bill Diegi 183, Martin Bergsma 182 Freda Snippe 173, Alice Meyer 167, Evelyn Vonsolkema 166, Mrs P. Kykxhoorn 166, Ineke Weststeyn 160, Betty Schipper 156.

A statement that is made by more people on January 1, than on any other day of the year. 'Never again!'

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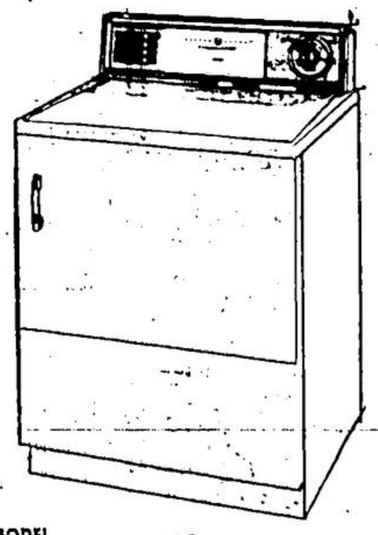

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Any woman who can give even two or three hours per month, is strongly urged to join the Hospital Auxiliary so that she may serve in one of these capacities.

Please call the Hospital at 877-2294, and ask for the Administrator's secretary, who will give you the number of the Co-Ordinator of Volunteer Services for further information.

Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital Women's Auxiliary