

Freezing Rain Kicked Off Annual Struggle

Four Winter Road Crews Aim to Keep Motorists Safe

If you're one of the drivers who regard winter driving as some kind of nightmare you might find a little consolation in the fact that four separate road crews are standing by to keep you out of the ditches.

In Georgetown, the winter roads army includes about ten men with two front end loaders, a sander, a snow plowing truck, a box truck, and a grader. Town foreman Al Collins heads the crew.

Almost 1,000 tons of sand, 20 tons of salt and 15 tons of calcium is stockpiled on the Works-

Department property on Main St. S., but some of this was expended on the layer of ice which blanketed the town on the week-end.

Equipping roads superintendent Bud Snow has 1,500 tons of sand, 75 tons of salt in the township shed at Stewarttown. Two township plows are augmented by two rented plows, and the truck fleet includes two large and one small vehicles.

The rented machines come with operators which in effect makes for a seven or eight man road squad.

Halton engineer Roy Smith reports the county has stockpiles at the county sheds at 4th Line, Brookville, Lowville, Stewarttown, Milton, Base Line and Waterdown totalling 10,000 tons. About 2,500 tons of it is calcium for ice melting.

The county has six plows, and eight sanding units. The works staff has 152 miles of county roads to keep snow free.

Number 7 Highway through Georgetown is the responsibility of the Department of Highways, five man crew under Wally McDonald, based just west of Arton.

Hope Retarded Workshop Open Early in New Year

R. A. (Bob) Kanerva of Milton was selected as president of the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded for 1966, at the annual meeting of the association held in the Sunshine School, Hornby last week.

Mr. Kanerva replaces Mrs. Peggy Treahy of Georgetown, who has served as president of the association for 1965. Mrs. Treahy was named honorary president.

Others named to posts included first vice-president Harry Isam, second vice-president Rev. M. Christensen, treasurer Jim Sproat, recording secretary Mrs. J. Coughlan, corresponding secretary Mrs. L. Hazlitt, finance chairman Mrs. R. Banner, membership chairman Mrs. Bob Kanerva, adult service chairman H. Laham, property chairman Fred Bickers, residential care chairman Mrs. I. Handell, public relations Mrs. Chester Anderson, home care Mrs. H. Islam, special fund raising chairman Mr. Wellwood, programs chairman Rev. M. Christensen, recreation chairman Robert Rosa, research chairman Mrs. R. P. E. Jeffery, bulletins Rev. Christensen and custodian of the scrapbook Mrs. J.J. Kennedy. Mrs. Treahy is the association's representative on the authority board.

PLAN WORKSHOP
Discussions concerning the adult workshop project which the association is planning, highlighted the evening. So far, there is an indication that at least eight retarded adults (18 years of age or over) will be enrolled in the workshop to be located in the one-room school at Hornby.

Association members are hoping they will be able to take over the school in late January and be ready to get the workshop underway by February or March. The school, which is currently being used as part of Pineview public school will have to be renovated to some degree before it will be suitable for the workshop.

Prospective students for the workshop are being interviewed and it is expected the association will start to advertise in the near future for a manager to run the workshop. When the workshop begins operation, it will not be confined to students who are graduates of the Sunshine school. Any mentally retarded person in the area will be eligible to join.

Members also discussed at length the proposed residential care program which is a joint project for North Halton, Oakville and Burlington associations. An executive, consisting of representatives from all three associations, is currently investigating property and land; it is hoped that a "home" for retarded children will be constructed by 1967.

NOT INSTITUTION
"The home would be nothing like an institution," Mrs. I. Handell reports. There will not be any more than 12 young adults located in any one house and there will be a house father and a house mother for each home. Initial plans call for locating children between the ages of 16

and pot-luck supper at the Rectory.

Members enjoyed an exchange of gaily wrapped gifts after supper. A special gift was presented to Mrs. Spence, the president, as a memento of the Daughters' appreciation of her leadership during the year.



Big Georgetown grader major weapon in snow battle.

LET'S PLAY BRIDGE
BY BILL COATS

Players often ask me when can I decide to play an active defense or a passive defense. An active defense is one in which the defenders try to set up their tricks quickly whereas on a passive defense just play safely and let declarer try to make his contract.

The best clue, in deciding which defense to use, is in the bidding. If declarer sounds confident of his contract — get active. But if the opponents seem to stretch for their contract, play it passive.

Playing at the Erin Duplicate Club last week with a new partner, I was most surprised to set a two no trump contract when other declarers had made three no trump. The credit must go to the passive defense. Declarer just could not make eight tricks. Dealer South. Neither side vulnerable.

North
S-A J 10
H-A Q 8 4 2
D-J
C-K Q 6 3

West
S-Q 4 3
H-K 6 5
D-9 6 3
C-J 8 4 2

East
S-Q 8 5 2
H-J 10 7 3
D-A Q 5 4
C-Q

Dies Saturday in Hospital Hours After Car Crash

Denis Schmidt, of R.R. 3 Rockwood, died in hospital Saturday morning from injuries received in a head-on collision on Highway 25 near the Base Line earlier the same day.

The fatality follows a recent statement of alarm by Crown Attorney Peter McWilliams over the increase of fatal accidents.

Thirty-nine fatal accidents have occurred in Halton so far this year compared with 22 last year.

Two persons were admitted to Milton District Hospital following the mishap. Admitted are: Norma McCloud of Robinwood Crescent, Milton, a passenger in Schmidt's vehicle, with fractured arm and facial lacerations.

Thomas Johnson, about 21, of Queen Street, Milton, driver of the other car, with multiple abrasions.

A passenger in Johnson's vehicle, Edward Brown of R.R. 3 Milton was treated for abrasions and then released.

BRIDGE CLUB

Bridge players had an off-week this Tuesday because of a prior booking in the Legion auditorium where Georgetown Bridge Club meets for its regular Tuesday night sessions.

Last week, there were nine tables of players, and winners were chosen from both east-west and north-south groups.

Winners in the east-west category were: 1st Dick Prust and George Sargent 2nd, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Biehn, 3rd, Margery Mackenzie and Olive Logan.

In North South results were: 1st George Soly and R. Remington, 2nd Mrs. Joseph Gibbons and Elizabeth Leslie, 3rd A. E. Dawson and Lloyd Keir.

Next Tuesday, there will be an extra, and coffee and sandwiches will be served during a social time following the games. Everyone who enjoys playing bridge is welcomed to the club, either as a team or single players.

St. George's Daughters Elect 1966 Officers

Mrs. Gordon Spence was re-elected president of the Daughters of St. George's for the coming year, and will be supported by Mrs. Alan Thompson, 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Thomas Van Sicker, 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Ted Gorth, secretary, and Mrs. Charles Harris, treasurer. The Flower Fund will be in charge of Mrs. Willard Mino, publicity by Mrs. Walter Biehn, and lunch convenor will be Mrs. Ron Roberts.

Mrs. Harry Sanderson, nomination officer, presented her slate of officers to the Daughters last Monday evening, Dec. 6th, when the organization held their annual Christmas party

LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

South
S-K 7 6
H-Q
D-K 10 8 7 2
C-A 10 7 5

The bidding:
South West North East
1 D Pass 1 H Pass
1 N T Pass 2 C Pass
2 D Pass 2 N T All Pass

My partner was sitting the West-position and had to make an opening lead. Even if he could set up a club trick, he lacked an entry to cash it. So West decided on a passive defense and led the spade nine — a top of nothing lead. Declarer played the spade ten — the east played queen and south won with the king. Since clubs offered the most hope, declarer led a club and played low in dummy — East's queen winning. East just returned a spade won in dummy. Declarer now tried diamonds leading the Jack, but East won with the ace and led another spade. Now all declarer could do was lead clubs. The bad split in clubs left declarer short of tricks. All he could win was three spades, two clubs and one trick in each red suit.

Notice what happens if West tries an active defense. If he leads clubs declarer should have no trouble making four club tricks. This will put quite a strain on East for discards. Declarer would have no trouble making eight tricks and I mentioned earlier, two declarers made game at no trump.

Monday's winners — 1st, Bill Hamilton and Harry Frost; 2nd, Cam Sinclair and Bob Dickson; 3rd, Mrs. K. Costa and Lou Berenson.

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