

Credit's Pollution Declining Says Field Man Stan White

Pollution in the Credit River branches of which run through Georgetown, Stan Williams, Wexford and Stewarttown, in this area has been declining over the past 10 years according to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority's field officer Stan White.



Mr. White revealed the decrease while commenting on statements saying Canada will soon equal the United States in the "indescribable pollution of rivers leading into the Great Lakes."

The Credit has been undergoing tests for the past year and all samples are sent to the Ontario Water Resources Commission for analyzing.

"The OWRC is vitally interested in assisting municipalities to reduce the pollution in rivers," he said. "I've heard it said that when the Credit is compared to the Don River, it is quite pure." Mr. White admitted, though, that this wasn't much of a comparison.

INCREASE FLOW

He spoke of work being done now to increase the flow of the Credit during the summer months. "We are getting the engineering studies done now for the Orangeville reservoir," he commented.

Mr. White said pollution is at its worst during late August and early September when the river flow is at a minimum.

Some of the pollution was blamed on the overflow of domestic sewage and septic tank effluent not being maintained over the years. Manufacturing came in for a heavy share of the blame.

STAN WHITE

"Dairies are one possible source," he said, "and also gas stations." Apparently, gas stations right on the river bank will drain oil into the river. "But various industries have taken quite intensive steps to improve the condition," he said.

CREEPS UP

"Pollution creeps up on you," Mr. White said, "and there are probably sections of the Credit where the quality is not as good as pure water, but it has the ability to cleanse itself."

HOSPITAL NEWS

by Les Clark

Ah, well, March is always a windy, blustering month, isn't it?

Something we've neglected to mention in the past few weeks, was the very successful evening held for ladies groups at the Hospital earlier this month.

This was a continuation of the public relations program started last year to acquaint local organizations with the way departments are functioning. Industrial heads were entertained and service clubs also visited the hospital and had a chance to see the various operations and view equipment.

However, we must say that the turnout of ladies groups exceeded all expectations, and was certainly a credit to the three ladies who organized it, Miss Ruth Evans, Mrs. Elsie Hamilton and Mrs. Joyce Hewson. We believe everyone had an enjoyable evening, and left the hospital with a much clearer insight into the functioning of the various departments.

Various equipment was explained to the ladies present, and Dr. C. Alan Thompson and Dr. Alistair Macintosh explained and demonstrated the operation of some of the newly acquired equipment, including the heart station. Mrs. Hamilton gave a history of the building, Mrs. Joyce Hewson a summary of the Auxiliary work, and Ruth Evans acted as chairman. L. Clark welcomed the ladies on behalf of the Board, and conducted a question period... a surprisingly large number of timely questions were asked, incidentally.

This was a most successful night, and a number of future ones are being planned.

\$2500 Travelling Budget Overspent Says Auditor

Halton county council's \$2500 limit for "entertaining guests and travelling on civic business" has been "substantially exceeded" for the year 1968 according to a 44-page auditor's report distributed to councillors last week.

Auditor W. H. Matthews did not say by how much the county exceeded the limit in his summation, and the figures were not readily available in scanning the lengthy document.

Surplus-wise, the County's in good shape. The auditor found a \$73,474.10 surplus after 1968 ended, \$48,500 of which came from the county roads department.

The county operated a \$2,714,924.19 business in 1968, the revenue and expenditure statement indicates. Of this, \$1,613,988 came in county rates from the towns and townships that are part of the county. The Federal government contributed \$18,561 and the Provincial government \$753,537. The Registry Office showed a profit of \$68,172. A surplus of \$100,079 from previous years was used to reduce the 1965 levy.

Major expenditures included: \$200,863 for general government; \$202,484 for protection to persons and property; \$508,987 for public works (highways and bridges); \$254,551 for public welfare (including Manor maintenance); \$576,569 for debt charges; \$649,10 for capital expenditure; and \$125,000 for Health Unit.

Oakville contributed \$716,032 to the county coffers in 1968, Burlington \$629,787; Georgetown \$31,628; Esequing Township \$38,124; Milton \$51,781; Acton \$41,818; and Nassagaweya Township \$24,714.

At the end of the year the County owed \$3,297,249 in debt charges. These charges cover the Manor, County Administration Building, all four

Pass Vocal Exams

Royal Conservatory

At a recent mid-winter session of the music examinations held by the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto, the following pupils from the studio of

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Kenneth R. Harrison ARCT, RMT, were successful.

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LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

BY BILL COATS

Many local duplicate bridge players attended the Tri-County Bridge Tournament in Guelph.

The local bridge club was well represented at the sectional tournament held in Guelph last week-end. This is the 4th year for the Tri-County tournament which operates under a sanction from the American Contract Bridge League. Attendance records were shattered in all events.

I cannot give the actual ranks obtained by all the players, but I will indicate in some cases when they were above average. Above average in duplicate bridge means that a pair was better than at least one half the total number of players.

Friday night was the mixed pairs with 27 tables (54 pairs) in competition. Duke Wilson and Miss Margery Mackenzie of Georgetown had an above average game, while your columnist and his wife didn't fare as well. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Harbour of Erin also played in the mixed pairs and were just on the average score. Bob Remington of Acton partnered with Mrs. Mary Manning of Eden Mills, and Mrs. R. Dickson playing with Mrs. Smith, both of Erin, were above average in a nine table non-masters pairs game the same night.

Saturday was the open pairs and local players showed very well. This event is run in two sessions. A qualifying round was in the afternoon, with the final round in the evening. A total of 109 pairs entered this game.

Lou Bertanson and Harry Frost of Milton came first in their section in the afternoon, but were out of the money in the evening. Your columnist, playing with his father, Jack Coats, was second in their section in the afternoon and held on, to come out eighth over-all in the evening. Mike Lorusso and Lloyd Keir of Georgetown were fourth their way in the afternoon game. Bob Remington and Duke Wilson also tried the open pairs, but did not qualify.

In the evening, there was a consolation game. Mrs. Gloria Coats played with Mrs. Mary Manning in one section, while Miss Margery Mackenzie and Miss Olive Logan, also of Georgetown, put together an above average game in another consolation section.

In the team game on Sunday, this area was represented by a team whose members were Bob Remington, Duke Wilson, Mike Lorusso and Jan Kahl. I do not have the results of Sunday's game as I write this column.

Often, good results are obtained on hands played at a low level. Here is one from the open pairs game, in which my father and I got the second

to switch into one of his minor suits in case he ran into trouble there as well.

West got off to the excellent lead of spade five. Three rounds of trump left declarer in poor shape. He tried to ruff a club on which East discarded a diamond, so he didn't even make two diamond tricks. In all, he took only five tricks — two spades, two clubs and one diamond. I wonder what result could have been better than that since East-West cannot even make game on their cards.

BRIDGE WINNERS
1st Pair — Bill Barbour and Brian Hamilton; 2nd pair Bill Hamilton and Bill Coats; 3rd pair Mrs. Olive Overland and Mrs. Lois Barbour.

Harrison Pupils Are Kiwanis Club Winners
Pupils from the studio of Kenneth R. Harrison, ARCT, RMT, Georgetown, who were successful at 1966 Toronto Kiwanis Festival were:

Girls Solo: under 10 years — Linda Rea, 2nd; under 11 years — Lois Elliott, 2nd; under 12 years — Lois Elliott, 2nd.
Soprano oratorio: Joan Beatty 2nd; Soprano solo, open — Joan Beatty, 3rd; Soprano solo, under 19, John Beatty, 2nd; under 20, Joan Beatty, 2nd.

We note with satisfaction, the letters of Mr. Art Speight and Mr. H. Earle regarding the treatment accorded them while in hospital. We are sure the staff and department heads will take satisfaction in knowing their efforts are appreciated.

With the coming of spring, we can once more look forward to the beauty of the flower beds in the hospital grounds. This is a never-failing source of delight to patients and visitors alike.

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