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## Georgetown to be Included in Guelph University Expansion

Georgetown is included in the enlarging orbit of the University of Guelph, and it is logical to look for financial support in this district, a group of Rotarians and guests were told last Tuesday.

## Outlook on District Apple Crop for 1966

Chuck Warner, fruit expert for the department of agriculture office in Halton County said, "The apple crop for this area is about the same, maybe slightly larger. There may be differences at individual farms but over-all it's good."

"I'm not sure why it should be down so much for the whole of Canada, except that last year's crop was a bumper one and there was bound to be some drop showing."

"It might have been a little frost in early spring. And there was some hill damage in Quebec this year. That might account for some of it."

Local grower, Aldo Ferri, said, "My crop is down from average. I don't think the apples have the size of two years ago, and I believe the total weight is down as well. At a rough guess I'd say it's about 15 per cent down from average."

"The crop looks good on the trees but an eighth-of-an-inch on an apple means an awful lot in bushels. The size is still good though."

"No matter what the crop is it'll be a 100 per cent increase for me. Last year my crop was frozen out."

"Some growers are getting good crops, the same, or more than last year's. It's just the difference in area."

Dr. Murdo MacKinnon, dean of Wellington College, Manny Birnbaum, Guelph industrialist and a member of the board of governors, and David Kennedy, a past district governor of Rotary, spoke at the dinner meeting at North Halton Golf & Country Club.

"The age of patronage is over" stated Dr. MacKinnon. "No longer is university education provided by private institutions. It's your money which supports universities and you are entitled to draw benefits from it."

He said that while Guelph is going to be much bigger, it will not become impersonal and students will be treated as individuals. Later pictures were shown of present and planned buildings and glimpses of student life.

Mr. Birnbaum outlined an \$8 million dollar program for which provincial and federal governments provide 85% financing.

"That means seven and a half million to come from the public" he said. Three million has already come from large corporation donations, another two million is pledged.

"Now we hope Guelph and the surrounding communities will help us raise that last two and a half million" he said.

He explained why it is important for public subscriptions.

"If financing were entirely by government there would be a danger of restricted academic freedom" he said. "That's why it's important that money from you and me supplement that."

He quoted statistics showing that today 10% of secondary school graduates continue on to university where ten years ago it was 4.1%. Predictions are that today's college population of 230,000 will double in fifteen years.

He pointed out that Guelph is the logical school for Georgetown youth to be educated. Other universities will be too full, or too far away, to care for this area in a few years, he said.

Mr. Kennedy expressed the hope that the Georgetown club would take an active part in promoting the University of Guelph, and spearhead a drive for financial support.

The visitors were introduced by Rotary president Robert Gougeon.

## LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

BY BILL COATS

Last week, we discussed the original ace-finding slam convention. The "Blackwood" convention is so well known and so universally used that it is not necessary to tell your opponents that you use it. All other conventions must be announced.

There is a variation of the Blackwood convention that I would like to try some day if I could get my partners to agree. Perhaps you and your favorite partner would like to try it. It's part of the Roman Club System played by some Italian pairs. The Italians have been quite successful in the World Championship bridge games lately.

The same as king bid is used — that is, four no trump asks partner about his aces, but the responses are different.

5 clubs shows—no aces or 3 aces.  
 5 diamonds shows—1 ace or 4 aces.  
 5 hearts shows—2 aces the same.  
 5 spades shows—2 aces not matched.

Two aces the same or matched means both minor, both major, both red or both black. Hence two aces not matched can mean only the aces of clubs and hearts or the aces of diamonds and spades.

Usually the person who bid four no trump will have an ace or two, so the response will bid point exactly which aces the partnership has.

If your side has all four aces you can check for kings by bidding five no trump. The responses are the same as for aces but one level higher.

Another ace asking convention which is fairly popular in North America is the "Gerber" convention. The "Gerber" convention is a variation of Blackwood designed to permit ace-showing below the game level. A bid of four clubs requires partner to show the number of his aces as follows:

4 diamonds—no ace or 4 aces  
 5 hearts — 1 ace.  
 5 spades — 2 aces.  
 5 no trump — 3 aces.

The difficulty with this convention is in deciding when the four club bid is natural and when it is conventional. It is best to use the four clubs as a convention only when it is a jump bid.

If the partnership has all four aces, then the four club bidder can find the number of kings by bidding five clubs. The number of kings is shown just as the aces are, but one round higher.

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Here is an example of Roman Blackwood in which opener finds his partner with just the right ace.

South West North East  
 1H Pass 3H Pass  
 4NT Pass 5H Pass  
 6H All Pass

Using Roman Blackwood, North's five heart bid shows two aces that are matched. Since South holds the heart ace, North must have the club ace and one other.

This is important information for South since the club ace is essential to the slam. South knows that the worst he will have a finesse and slam

South  
 S—X  
 H—A K X X X  
 D—K Q J X  
 C—Q J 10

West  
 1H Pass  
 4NT Pass  
 6H All Pass

North  
 3H Pass  
 5H Pass

East  
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should be bid on an even chance. If North did not have the club ace, there could be two quick club losses.

If you would like to learn about contract bridge, take lessons this fall. First lesson Wednesday, October 12. Call Bill Coats at 853-2220. Acton for more information.

Monday's winners: 1st Kay Harmer and George Solt; 2nd Mrs. L. Potter and P. Jeffares; 3rd Jack Coats and Bill Coats.

Georgetown Duplicate winners, Tuesday, September 27 in the Legion Auditorium where 8 tables were in play.

"Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him." Acts 12:5  
 Prayer is still the key that liberates. "Pray without ceasing."

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