

Consider Second Manor Site in Southern Part of Halton County

Two sites, both in the south with relatives and friends in the end of the county, are being considered as the location of the long-awaited new home for the aged.

The Halton Manor Committee of Management has proposed several sites but strongly favors two of them, said William Coulter, chairman of last year's committee.

County council decided it would build its second home for the aged in South Halton over a year ago.

Coulter said it will be up to this year's Manor committee to make formal application to the province to build the home. Coulter, the former reeve of last year's committee prepared background material which should allow the new committee to complete the application.

Besides looking for a site, the committee worked on a needs study to determine the number of beds that will be needed and what special facilities will be required.

"We want to make sure we provide enough accommodation to meet future demands," Coulter said.

He suggested the new committee should meet with the planning departments of both Oakville and Burlington to discuss the sites and decide which is the best suited for the home.

Future Sites

He said he had heard talk of the county purchasing both sites and holding one for future use but doubts if this will be done. He said naturally both of the best sites are quite expensive.

Coulter said he had hoped to have had the application for the province completed by last September but various delays held the committee up.

The decision to locate the new home in south Halton was made after Halton residents

In February 1968, the county was given provincial approval for the project for the south Halton home. The province told council it would be given favorable consideration from the province when it submitted its plans for the new manor.

The Ontario Department of Social and Family Services stipulated only that the new home should have a minimum of 150 beds and not more than 300 when it is built.

The formal application to the province must meet certain requirements if the county is to receive available grants.

UCW Executive Takes Office, St. Andrew's

At the January meeting of St. Andrew's UCW on January 8, Rev. K.C. Johnston installed the executive for 1968.

Program convener, Mrs. Alberta Meines, finance committee chairman, Mrs. Doris Allworth; social convener, citizenship, Mrs. Joan Tessier; membership, Mrs. Peggy Shannon; flowers, Mrs. Pat Bell; Regal cards, Mrs. Betty Sutton and bulletin editor Mrs. Rita Munro. President, Mrs. Florence Baker; vice president, Mrs. Clara Wodhams; secretary, Mrs. Rosemary Crawford and treasurer Mrs. Evelyn Martin are to be installed at the January 26th church service.

The guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. W.D. Stainton, president of Halton Presbyterian UCW. Mrs. Stainton spoke on the many needs for our allocation money. Mrs. Evelyn Martin thanked Mrs. Stainton and presented her with a small gift on behalf of St. Andrew's UCW.

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GAMES PEOPLE PLAY is the title of a recent best-seller. I haven't read it — but I don't really think it refers to the kind of games I'm thinking about today. The ones that interest me are the honest-to-goodness games like curling, lawn bowling, golf, tennis and bridge. I mention these five because they are the only ones I have played.

ONE OF THE FIVE I don't even like very well. It's golf — surely the most exacting game in the world. I read the comment recently, that to play well, you have to enter into a state of "zen" with yourself. Does that mean self-hypnosis? Perhaps that is the answer to learning how to relax while keeping your head down and still, left arm stiff, wrists firm yet flexible, right elbow in, while shifting weight from left foot to right, to left again at the precise moment that perfectly swung club makes contact with the ball. No cheating allowed. Even the teeniest peek up as you hit the ball ruins everything.

Clinging to the idea that all this was good for me, I persisted for a quite a few years, dubbing my way around our beautiful golf course. Worst part of it was the way I felt after a poor game. Put me into a bad mood for hours afterwards. Until, in fact, it pushed me out onto the course again at the first possible moment, so I could redeem myself.

Golf is unique in that it has this obsessive quality more than most games. It is what made me wonder, when I finally decided to give it up, whether the game had beaten me, or vice versa. One thing I do know — a good golfer has my deep admiration.

GOOD CURLERS DO TOO. But I suspect it's a little easier to become a reasonably good curler — and the process of trying is certainly more fun. At least I found it so. When I gave up golf, I thought that all sports were probably not my cup of tea. So it was a nice surprise to find I enjoyed curling right from the first time I tried it.

The sociability of a team sport appeals — and perhaps the shared responsibilities, if I'm to be completely honest. Then too you're among a large group all playing the game at once, and even when you do miss a shot you can look around and see the same thing happening to other players, so that you don't go home and berate yourself too severely. Misery does love company you know.

Aside from the skills involved, I like being in the fresh cold air of the curling rink. When you add to all these likes the fact that I enjoy the actual delivering of the rock, and even the sweeping, you'll rightly suspect that curling is my favourite sport.

CURLING'S SUMMER counterpart, lawn bowling is good fun too. This summer was my first season, and I found, as with curling, that even a novice could enjoy it.

ABOUT THE ONLY other activity I've ever played is tennis. As a teenager in Georgetown tennis was the game. The young people in town had complete charge of the courts at St. George's and there were also courts at St. John's United. I was extremely modest.

clubs were non-denominational, and the courts were in use from morning till night.

I think tennis is the best game in the world for adolescents particularly. It gives them everything — fast action, both mental and physical, and lots of sociability. We had tournaments with Acton, Milton, Brampton & occasionally Toronto clubs. It was exciting and fun to meet kids from other towns. And when we weren't planning a tournament of some kind we'd be arranging a corn roast, hike or dance. We were never bored. And by dint of all those hours spent on the courts, Georgetown developed some pretty fine tennis players.

I have always felt frustrated that I couldn't interest my own children in tennis. For some reason it seems to have dropped from favour with the majority of today's youngsters. All I can say is — they don't know what they're missing!

FOR LO THESE MANY years I didn't know what I was missing when I didn't play bridge. I used to know just enough about the game to have to say yes when asked if I played. And believe me, that isn't enough if you want to enjoy the game instead of feeling trapped and panic stricken when you're dealt a hand that demands more than a simple "pass". If you're interested in the game lessons can circumvent the misery of learning the way I did — by practice, sweat and tears. But now I've actually come to the point where I enjoy playing, and I'm glad. The game never palls, and as long as my memory holds out, it is a recreation that will give pleasure and mental stimulation long after more strenuous pursuits become less attractive.

I'M STILL NOT a dyed-in-the-wool bridge addict, though, because thoughts not directly connected with the game do flick thru my mind when I'm at the bridge table. I amuse myself sometimes with a bit of character-analysis on the side, while the game is in progress. And the idea has struck me that playing bridge together before marriage might be just as good a test of compatibility as today's computer tests.

The game is unparalleled for showing up personality traits. For instance, bidding can reveal how good a person's judgment is, whether the player is aggressive, timid, erratic, whether he likes to amble or whether he is a solid, dependable type person. The actual play of the cards isn't too revealing as far as personality is concerned — but afterwards, if the contract happens to have been defeated, comes the acid test. Then is the time for partner to show consideration, kindness, and general good sportsmanship — or, alas, the opposite!

CONCENTRATION is the key to success in any game including — and perhaps most of all, bridge. I readily admit that while I allow my thoughts to meander in the above fashion, I'm not too well on the way to becoming an expert. But I'm not at all sure I want to become one, even if I could — I'd be afraid the game might take over my life too much, and that is that I would guard against. After all as Gertrude Stein might say, a game is a game, is a game. And to that I say "Amen."

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