

OUR READERS WRITE:

Co-operation appreciated

Editor,
Acton Free Press,
Acton, Ontario.

Dear Sir:
I would like to express both my thanks and those of our Board of Directors for the coverage given to Children's Aid Week by your paper. We greatly appreciate the co-operation and assistance that you have given to help let people know about the work of the Society.

Sincerely,
G. K. Askwith,
Executive Director.

Adults necessity for drop in centre

Dear Sir:
It seems that there is some controversy and rumor concerning the proposed drop-in centre for Acton. Some adults suggested that the young people wished to organize and run the centre without any adult help or supervision. This idea is completely wrong; the help of parents and other adults is not only welcomed but it is an absolute necessity.

We have some parents, teachers, and other adults showing interest and support for the centre but we need far more. Although only in its initial stages, the project is moving slowly but surely to what we feel and hope will be a successful venture.

Up to now we have received a great deal of support from the Acton Chamber of Commerce. Two weeks ago they provided transportation for, and accompanied, a group of students to visit an established centre in Oakville. This trip provided some new ideas for our own centre and the kindness of the Chamber members is gratefully acknowledged.

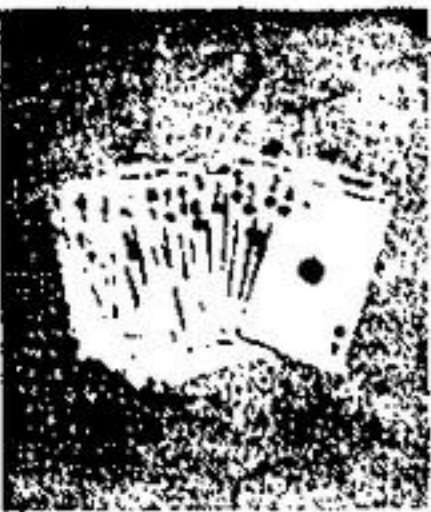
Several committees have been set up which deal with various activities concerning the centre. Two such committees are the Property Board, dealing with the important problem of where the centre will be, and a Treasury Committee, which will deal with the always prevalent difficulties of financial support.

The concept of drop-in centres, although not novel, is still at a very experimental stage in most towns. Some have proved very worthy; others have failed!

I believe that the ones that failed probably did so because of a combination of lack of interest by the young people and lack of support by the public. If the interest in an Acton centre continues at its present level or, even better, increases somewhat, I am sure that the drop-in centre will be successful.

Hazel Eastwood.

Editor's Note: Miss Eastwood heads a committee formed at the last Family Life Education meeting at the high school to investigate the possibility of an Acton drop-in centre.



Let's Play Bridge

by Bill Coats

Here is a hand where all pairs reached the same contract but the results were not the same at every table. It all depended on what suit declarer decided to set up.

South dealt with North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
S-Q13
H-2
D-10753
C-AKJ106

EAST
S-74
H-KJ43
D-A
C-Q87542

SOUTH
S-AK8
H-Q985
D-KQ962
C-3

Suggested bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1D PASS 2C PASS
2NT PASS 3D PASS
3NT ALL PASS

Opening lead - six of hearts. West made the best opening lead. The spade suit is longer but it requires more high cards from partner in order to set up the spade suit. In hearts however, any one of the king, queen, or jack from partner will help set up the suit. Declarer plays the two from dummy on the opening lead and East wins the trick with the king. East returns the three, his original fourth best. Declarer must play carefully in order not to lose too many heart tricks. He must play the eight of

hearts. West wins with the ten and the best he can do is take his ace with the hope that declarer had only three hearts.

Declarer's work is still not finished, however. He must develop his tricks in either clubs or diamonds. Actually there is no problem. He must work on diamonds. If he tries clubs and loses a trick, he will still have to lose a diamond trick. If he tries diamonds and loses a trick, he can avoid a club loser.

High cards should always be led up to. Declarer should enter dummy with a spade and lead a low diamond. East must play the ace and that is the last trick for the defense. Had declarer led a high diamond from his hand, he would have lost two diamond tricks.

Declarer should make four diamond tricks, three spade tricks, two club tricks and one heart trick. That comes to ten tricks but the defense will take their four tricks first. That still leaves nine for declarer and that's his contract.

Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge Club were: first Bob and Dickson and Cam Sinclair; second Gloria Coats and Kay Coats; third Harry Atble and Jack Greer.

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