

Want Children's Aid more accountable to electorate

Children's Aid Societies should be more accountable to the electorate—the authorities who supply the major portion of the funds expended by such societies should have more control over expenditures than is possible under the present system.

That's the opinion of the Halton Social and Family Services Committee, whose chairman Reeve Ron Harris of Milton has drafted a brief for presentation at the Association of Counties and Regions of Ontario conference

Preparation of the brief followed the review of CAS operations in Ontario in the Urwick Currie Report last June. The Urwick Currie Report found many inadequacies in Ontario's CAS.

Boards of directors of Children's Aid Societies are mostly composed of non-elected or lay people, "selected at cut and dried nomination meetings and in no way responsible to the taxpayers of the community—in most cases not well informed on

either the municipal or social aspects of the job, and in many cases not at all versed in modern business methods," claims Reeve Harris' brief.

"It follows therefore, that the local Director is in effect 'the Board'. Suggestions well presented are rubber stamped without much serious thought being given to costs, alternatives, priorities, etc. The feeling that the province pays about 75 per cent, let's go, quite often prevails," the brief continues.

rather than to a board of lay people that are in no way answerable to the electorate."

Disbanding of the statutory Child Welfare Committee and the use of assistance from other branches of the Social and Family Services Committee are also suggested in the brief, to avoid duplication of service at unnecessary expense and inefficient service. Accounting and recording procedures could also be streamlined.

Ontario CAS replies to Reeve Harris charges

Strong statements by Milton Reeve Ron Harris over the management of Children's Aid Societies in Ontario, contained in a Halton brief which won the approval of the Associated Counties and Regions of Ontario convention in Kitchener last week, have brought forth a flurry of rebuttals from CAS officials on both the local and provincial levels.

"We feel your readers deserve to have another point of view," explained Ruth Doehler, information officers of the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies when she submitted a five page press release to this newspaper and others in the area on Tuesday.

Halton CAS Director Dr. Gordon K. Askwith also issued a press release on Monday which challenged Reeve Harris' statements. (See separate story).

Answers charges

Mrs. Doehler's release answers Reeve Harris' charge there is "duplication of service, unnecessary expense and inefficient service" in the CAS and his suggestion the Province should make the CAS more accountable to the electorate by having elected officials on the boards, rather than some politicians appointed to sit on

boards with citizens elected at the annual meeting.

Halton CAS' per capita costs are the lowest in the province (\$1.52 compared to the Ontario average of \$5.89) and Halton has more social workers per 100,000 population than any other CAS in Ontario, she said.

"This picture adds up to lowest cost, highest service. Because of its extremely high record of adoption placements, Halton CAS has few children in care. More of the budget can be spent on paying top-notch social workers. More of the budget goes to better quality services, such as group homes for children who do remain in care," she said.

care, social work and all other costs out of the domain of charity. The approach to children's welfare has changed since the 1890's when J. J. Kelso founded the first Children's Aid Society. Many of his appeals for children are now regarded as rights, written into law. The Societies feel justified in asking, would a government department have felt free to press for the reforms they have urged of a succession of governments to the present day?

"More than ever the Children's Aid needs broad participation of all sections of the community in order to carry out their new functions under the Child Welfare Act of 1965. These include providing services to families which will keep the family together and prevent the need to take children into the care of a CAS. The community must now stir itself to bring into being more services such as day nurseries, day care, visiting homemakers, more public housing which will strengthen family life. By becoming a member of the CAS you can help bring these things about. The experience of Societies throughout Ontario has shown that it is very difficult to get municipalities to provide these essential services," she said.



Let's Play Bridge
by bill coats

When you play bridge you should keep track of all the cards that are played. However, this proves difficult, even for better players. Anyone should be able to keep track of one suit. Here is a hand, played at the Acton Bridge Club, where a defender did not even keep track of the suit lead by his partner and the result was that the opponents made an undeserved game contract.

South dealt with East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
S-A 10 5 3
H-10 9 7 3
D-6 2
C-10 8 2

WEST
S-4
H-Q J 8
D-A Q J 8 4
C-Q 8 5

EAST
S-Q 8
H-A K 5 2
D-9 5 3
C-A K 8 3

SOUTH
S-K J 7 6 2
H-6 4
D-K 10 7
C-J 7 4

liability than an asset. Even if South has only four spades, North doesn't really want the lead at trick four.

Must watch

North should unblock the spade ten at trick three and allow his partner to take the four spades and the fifth if he has one. In spite of his 28 points, declarer should be defeated on this hand. It's surprising how many contracts are made, just because defenders do not watch which cards are played in a critical suit.

Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge Club were first, Betty Ashley and Bill Wandell; second Midge and Frank Hampshire; third Kay Coats and Ivan Harris.

No support welfare shift

Halton Warden Allan Day told the Halton County Social and Family Services Committee that the responsibility of welfare should remain with the county and municipality. He expressed a fear that if the responsibility was turned over to the province it would become "a cheque waving service."

The warden said the county's social and family services department worked to rehabilitate welfare recipients and help them stay off the welfare roll.

The warden's comments came as a result of a resolution from Goderich seeking support to have some of the responsibilities of welfare shifted to the province. The resolution gained no local support.

Burlington Reeve Gordon Gallagher said he felt the county should try to keep as many of its powers as they could, rather than give them up.

The resolution was noted and filed.

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The bidding:

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
PASS PASS PASS 1 N.T.
PASS 3 N.T. ALL PASS

Opening lead — 6 of spades.

Balanced hand

The bidding passed around to East who held a balanced 16 point hand. One no trump describes this type of hand. West, with 12 points and no interest in the majors, proceeded directly to 3 no trump.

South attacked with the four card from the top in his longest and strongest suit. His partner, unfortunately, also followed the usual rules. North played the ace on the opening lead and lead back his original fourth best spade.

South topped declarer's queen with his king and led the jack. North continued to play "up the line" with his five of spades.

Five tricks

When declarer showed out, the defense had five spade tricks if they could take them. South continued spades but unfortunately North won the trick. There was South with a good spade but North had the lead.

North could lead any other suit and declarer collected nine tricks and his contract. North does not know at the start that his partner has five spades but he does know that he has at least four.

The ten of spades is more of a

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And I hereby call on all voters to take immediate proceedings to have any errors or omissions corrected according to law, the last day for appeal being the 14th day of November, 1970.

Dated this 31st Day of October, 1970

J. T. HURST, CLERK OF THE TOWN OF ACTON