

Erin twp. council, firefighters discuss proposed new fire hall

After being asked to express their views for expansion in 1971, a delegation from the Erin township fire department met with Erin township council, Feb. 1.

Chief Bob Chaney, Deputy Chief Wayne Knight and past

deputy-chief Norm Cunningham explained what they felt was needed and what the proposed extension to the community building where they are now housed, would give them. The cost of the two storey, 18 by 30 foot extension would be \$18,000.

This would include a retaining wall at the creek, furnace, washroom, meeting room and an additional truck bay.

No rear access
They pointed out, however, that there would be no access to the rear for fire protection, and no extra room for the men to clean the trucks.

Norm Cunningham then presented plans for a new fire hall, cement block, one storey, 60 by 44 feet. "Not an excess amount of room, but sufficient." It would also cost around \$18,000.

There would be 14 foot bays with drains under each, a 28' by 20' meeting room, and washroom. To bring costs down, the men in the fire department might finish the interior themselves once it was totally enclosed.

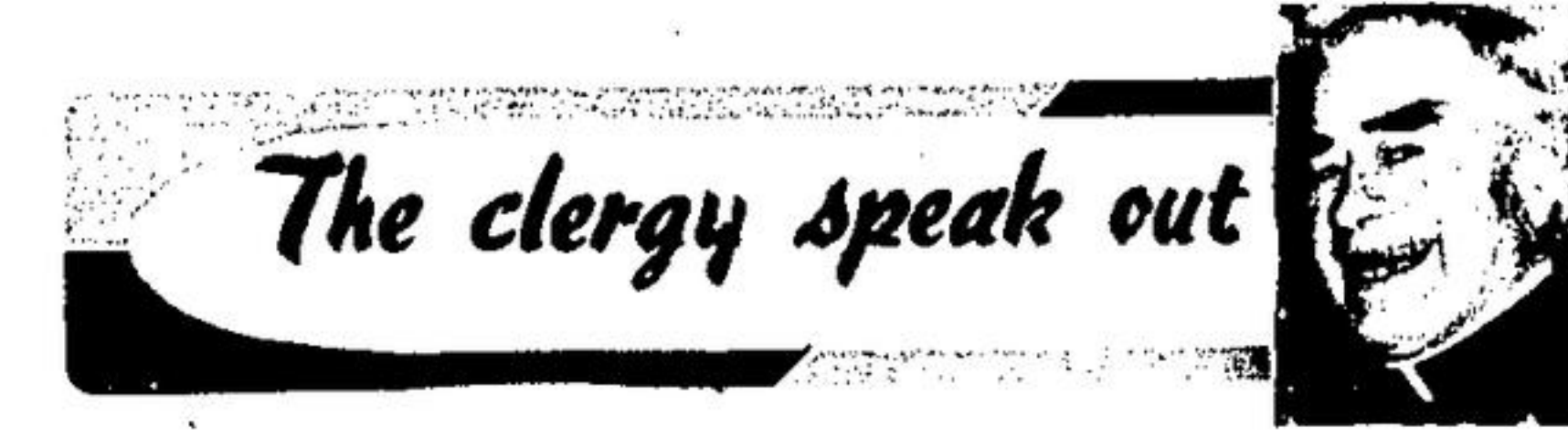
When asked by Deputy-Reeve Donald Matheson whether there were any advantages or disadvantages to being right in the village of Hillsburgh, the delegation replied that when the community centre was in use, the traffic was such that it would be advantageous to be in a separate building rather than add to the congestion.

They added that the centre needed more room. Visiting teams have to dress and undress in the hallways, and euchre players have complained of fumes from the fire trucks rising up the cold air vents.

Deputy-Reeve Matheson added that if a fire started in the community hall, as has happened before, the trucks could be sealed in.

During discussion of property available, the Clerk Elmer McKinnon reminded council that the township owned a two acre parcel of land in the new subdivision. Under an agreement the township was given 5 per cent of the land in the new development.

Reeve Lloyd Lang thanked the men for their suggestions and said that Council would consider them thoroughly.



The clergy speak out

NEEDS AND MOTIVES OF LIFE

By Father V. J. Morgan
Pastor, St. Joseph's Parish

Some people have a strange idea of what life really is. What is necessary to retain it? What's its purpose? How should we make use of it? Is it temporal or eternal? Does society or fellow man play a part in our life — or are we alone and does religion play an important part in life?

Is religion a real need in our lives? What is the relationship of religion to the secular world?

Is the principle purpose of the Christian religion merely to build a better world in which man can live during his mortal life here on earth. Or is it to lead men to supernatural life, which consists in the possession of God throughout eternity?

This question is fundamental to religion and the answer that man gives to it will shape his attitude towards life and all that it contains.

It is in man's religion, where he is taught faith, hope and love for God and his neighbor, and the greatest of these is charity — all done for the love of God and because God demands it.

Christian revelation teaches unequivocally that each man is called to everlasting life, which consists in the possession of God through knowledge and love.

The anguish, troubles and sorrows in life, spoken of so often by agnostic and atheistic philosophers, comes not only from the sufferings of life but also because they must be endured without hope. Their plan to build a great world on earth is born of the despairing thought that this short mortal life is all that any man will ever have. The result after a setback is what? — Suicide?

Vatican Council II emphasized the point that Christians must work earnestly for a

better world, for the cure of the grievous ills that befall mankind today, for the building of a more just and brotherly city in the world.

However, the Christian, a real, truly religious man approaches this task of building a better world from a far different viewpoint than that of the agnostic or atheist. He works to remake human society, according to God's plan "to re-establish all things in Christ."

The mission of the church and each Christian is to work for the accomplishment of this Divine purpose, to bring every nation and individual soul into God's eternal kingdom. This can be accomplished in striving to make a better world, by developing the gift of supernatural life given to man by God.

As Christians we cannot make the temporal welfare of men the final goal of our work for them. Christ worked His miracles of healing in order that men might believe and believing have life in His Name. All efforts and work for the temporal welfare of mankind must have the ultimate purpose of bringing man to God, in Whom they will find eternal life.

This does not mean that we will work with less dedication for the relief of the miseries of mankind, and for the establishment of justice and charity on earth, but it will mean that we do it with a supernatural motive.

If we have this supernatural motive in trying to alleviate the sufferings of mankind and to make a better world for him in which to live, Almighty God will surely help us and will bring home to us the need of prayer as well as action, since God's help is promised to those who ask for it.

Let our motive in all our good work of charity be Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam — (For the Greater Glory of God)

Let's Play Bridge

by Bill Coats

Grand slams don't come along too frequently, so it's always a thrill to bid one and even more of a thrill to make one that is not made by everyone. All too often, the only grand slams that are bid, are in no trump where you have every ace, king, queen and jack and could take 15 tricks if there were enough cards.

Here is a grand slam from last week's action at the Acton Bridge Club. North dealt with North-South vulnerable.

NORTH		SOUTH	
S-A 10	H-K Q J 8 6 3	S-K Q J 9 8 3 2	H-A 7
D-R 7 5	C-A 4 2	H-A 7	D-A 8 4
		C-6	
WEST		EAST	
S-7 5	H-10 9 4 2	S-8 4	H-K 5
D-J 9 2	C-Q 10 9 8	D-Q 10 8 3	C-K J 7 5 3

The bidding

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1H	Pass	1S	Pass
1NT	Pass	4NT	Pass
5H	Pass	5NT	Pass
6D	Pass	7S	All Pass

Opening lead — Seven of spades.
Semi-balanced
North has a semi-balanced hand and fourteen points. It should be opened one heart. South has a problem. He could make a jump shift which would be game forcing but there could be a misfit. It is often better to proceed slowly. The one spade response is forcing. North rebids one no trump showing the

balanced nature of the hand and a minimum opening bid.

South must act now. He cannot jump shift for he has no other suit, so he uses Blackwood to find out how many aces North has. After discovering two aces and one king, South tries seven spades.

Here we are
Declarer is disappointed to find North with the king of diamonds instead of the king of hearts. A grand slam should not be bid on a finesse but here we are and the heart finesse must work or we are down. As well as the heart finesse, there is one diamond to be disposed of. The only place it can go is on a long heart in dummy. This will require five entries in dummy so declarer must proceed carefully.

The heart finesse must be tried at trick two. The opening lead is won in dummy and the heart queen is led. East covers with the king and declarer wins with the ace. A second heart is led to the jack and a third heart is ruffed.

Enter dummy
Dummy is entered with the spade ace and a fourth heart is ruffed. Now dummy has the thirteenth heart and declarer is home free. Dummy is entered with the club ace and a diamond discarded on the good heart. Declarer can claim the balance.

Two declarers failed to make thirteen tricks when they took out trump before touching hearts. This left them one entry short in dummy.

Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge Club were: first, Kate and Jack Coats; second, Gwen and Pat Jeffares, third, Gloria and Bill Coats.

Letter objects to park noise

Erin township council heard a letter from B. A. Robertson of Terra Cotta, objecting to the "Goney Island" atmosphere of Mary Helen's Hideaway, a nearby park.

Township solicitors say there is nothing council can do at present, but property owners can prosecute, claiming loudspeaker noise is an infringement on private rights.

Only two cars
Councillor Bill McLean

commented that he drove by the park to see what all the fuss was about.

"There were only two cars there, even though it was a nice day, and there weren't as many snowmobile tracks on Mary Helen's Hideaway as there were on nearby fields."

Woman talking to a friend in the hospital — "She was so ill that they had to feed her INCONVENIENTLY."

All-Canadian awards for Halton Holsteins

Climaxing the current show season for Holstein cattle from coast to coast is the annual announcement of the All-Canadian awards. A total of 78 entries were nominated for All-Canadian consideration in 12 different classes.

One of the finest showings made by an individual breeder on home-bred animals was that of M. D. Wingrove of Campbellville. His Allangrove Reflection Rose took the All-Canadian award in the three-year-old class after

being Reserve Grand Champion at Erin and first at the Royal Winter Fair; his Breeder's Herd was Reserve All-Canadian and his Get-of-Sire by Downalane Reflection Emperor, jointly owned by Wingrove and Douglas Gregson of Hillsburgh received honorable mention.

Both the All-Canadian and Reserve All-Canadian bull calves were bred by Howard Tarzwell of Georgetown, the All-Canadian being Surodana Marquis Model jointly owned by Terry Leslie, Georgetown and Bertram Stewart of Hornby; and the Reserve All-Canadian Surodana Glamour Boy owned by Harry Moore of Terra Cotta and Bertram Stewart.

Barivue Pabst Lana owned by Claude Pickett of Georgetown received honorable mention in the aged cows class, and Hayssen Citation Echo, owned by Mr. Pickett received honorable mention in the two-year-old heifer class.

Erin township briefs

At the regular meeting February 1, Erin township council:

—Turned thumbs down on the question of deer hunting in the township next year, declining even to discuss it.

—Decided not to join the association of mayors and reeves.

—Received a grant from the Department of Highways of \$52,300 for construction and \$72,300 for maintenance.

—Decided to request county assistance for the upkeep of pioneer cemeteries. County will pay one-third of the cost up to \$200.

—Met with tax collector Bert Berry to discuss collection in '70. Although they considered putting first of the three payments forward a month to March 31 to meet the date of payment to the Department of Education, it was finally decided to leave it as it was in 1970.

—Heard a motion to call tenders for both a new road grader and a new motor. The motor in the grader bought eight years ago seized up with internal wear and old age.

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