



MEMBERS OF THE CALVINIST Cadet Corps line up prior to the start of their 40 mile bicycle hike Saturday. With \$9.50 riding on every mile riders challenged 7 Highway and roads in Esquesing and Nassagaweya to complete the 40 mile course,

laid out on maps. There were check-in stations along the way where riders were obliged to stop. Leaders John Oosterhoff, Harry Ensing and Hank Kleine Deters check riders, including one lady just after 9 a.m. Saturday. —(Staff Photo)

## Separate School Board 'disappointed' in Davis' separate school stand

Premier William Davis' statement announcing the Ontario government's decision against extending public aid for separate schools past the grade 10 level, has brought a scathing attack from the trustees of the Halton County Separate School Board.

Board chairman Dr. Leno Bralda of Oakville said the premier's statement was "unacceptable and educationally unsound... incomprehensible." "We are extremely disappointed," he said.

Complete statement Full text of the board's press release follows:

"It is regrettable that the request for completion based on educational and pedagogical grounds by the elected representatives of the Catholic community of Ontario, on behalf of the 420,000 children entrusted to their charge, was answered by a statement that reflected little thought to this end. The decision to maintain this arbitrary cut-off half way through a secondary program is incomprehensible in a continuous and integrated process of education. How does a Separate Board sensibly plan and develop a curricular learning experience, integrated with the students' needs and progress, when it is denied the administrative power over the last one-sixth of the program?"

"The slogan of the government, Equal Educational Opportunity, is rightly chosen. However, is this opportunity now not to be given to one third of the elementary population of Ontario?"

"It is unfortunate then that the legally established Catholic Public System of this province is denied the same opportunity as its once equal partner, the Public School System. It is our opinion that unless separate school authorities are allowed to keep pace with their public school counterparts with the modern needs of this generation, 'Equality of Opportunity' will be so translated as to mean that one branch of the public system must always remain more equal than the other. It was never meant that the separate schools or any

other schools for that matter should be left forever in the educational wilderness.

"The separate schools are here by right, they cannot be struck down, they are educating Ontario children with public funds, they should be able to offer an opportunity for education equal to that in the other public schools. They should not be denied access to modern improvements and a reasonable share in progress. Given the guarantee of existence, they should be permitted to function as efficiently as possible, and if a continuum of education has any validity at all, it is then a backward step to cut off separate schools for Catholic young people at the end of Grade

8, or particularly, at the end of Grade 10.

"It is unfortunate that Ontario, the wealthiest province in Canada, is the only province which does not extend to its minority equal educational opportunity with its majority system. Every other Canadian province with a publicly supported minority system allows that system to operate to the end of high school with no resulting fragmentation, religious antagonism or undue cost. This is the spirit and the intent of the Confederation etc.

"The Halton County Separate School Board finds the Prime Minister's statement unacceptable and educationally unsound."

## Let's talk about horses

By Jennifer Barr

Question: My new horse seems to be a greedy grain gobbler. I have heard that eating oats too fast will make him sick. He is well fed and is not thin. Why does he do this?

Answer: Most horses bolt their grain, it is like dessert to them. Feed him his hay about 5 - 10 minutes before his grain to take the edge off his appetite. Put corn cobs or rocks in his manger to slow down grain consumption. Feed a small amount of oats three or four times a day, rather than all at once. This may not improve his table manners but it will help to prevent colic.

Question: You hold the end of the rope while standing near to the pole. The colt will pull but cannot get away because of the extra tension. However, the colt only sees you with the rope, so you get all the credit for mastering him. One lesson should be enough but I would suggest using a chain lead with the chain part under his chin from cheek strap to cheek strap. This is for extra control while you lead him.

Question: Is there any way to lengthen a horse's stride at the walk?

Answer: Yes. Give the horse lots of road work at a good brisk walk. While walking, nudge his elbow as he puts that foreleg out, with your toe. You are, in effect, pushing his leg out. After a while the rolling motion of your body as you use alternate legs to push his legs forward will be enough to him. He will walk faster as he walks toward home. Encourage this, and praise him.

Please send your questions to Jennifer Barr, R.R. 4, Rockwood.

## P.C.'s pick John Root in Wellington-Dufferin

John Root said he supported the Progressive Conservative party because its basic policy is to create a climate for people, industry and business to plan their own affairs and expect a reasonable return for their labor, professional services and on their investment.

Sitting member of the Legislature for Wellington-Dufferin, Mr. Root was speaking to approximately 300 people who attended the nominating convention in Arthur last Tuesday where he was chosen to represent the P.C. party again.

Tory policies, Root said, were responsible for Ontario's population growing from four million to 7,750,000. During the same period Saskatchewan elected a Socialist government and was the only province in Canada where the population dropped. He said the economy stagnated, people left by the thousands.

Ontario prosperous Root said that while Saskatchewan was stagnating the reverse was happening in Ontario under P.C. policies: the population was growing by millions and half the new industries and new Canadians locating in Canada were coming to Ontario, the keystone in the arch of Confederation which supplies nearly half the national budget.

Recognizing that costs of education had gone up, Root also asked the audience to consider that the school population of the province had risen 350 per cent, requiring 1,900,000 new places in public and secondary schools, as well as new universities and junior colleges. Teachers had to be trained and their salaries had to compete with industry.

He said that in the long pull if the province can move the two million students into the income-paying bracket from the welfare bracket two objectives would be achieved: broadening the tax base for necessary revenues and reducing the cost of welfare. Referring to Agriculture, the speaker pointed out the province paid half the cost of rural power

lines and equalized the rate throughout the province, paid 25 per cent of the farmers' municipal tax, made capital grants available and stimulated lines of business catering to the farmer.

### Reduce tax burden

Many government policies reduced the tax burden on property, such as unconditional municipal grants, he claimed, noting the province provided \$100 tax relief for needy pensioners.

He pointed out the province pays the full cost of administration of justice, municipal road subsidies ranging from 50 to 80 per cent and 135 miles of development road in Wellington-Dufferin had 100 per cent of construction costs paid. One riding had been rebuilt and paved and 55 miles of municipal roads

had been taken into the highway system.

Surprise announcement was a plan to extend Highway 25 north from Ospring through the Grand Valley area to Highway 89, to provide a direct route from the Niagara Peninsula to Georgian Bay and Northern Ontario. The announcement was confirmed by the Hon. Charles MacNaughton, Minister of Transport, who spoke to the convention.

MacNaughton paid tribute to John Root as an M.P.P. and to his role in the fight against pollution as vice-chairman of the Ontario Water Resources Commission.

## Let's Play Bridge

by Bill Coats

Here is one of those hands that over a period of time can cost bridge players a lot of points. These are the competitive part score hands where the difference between making a part score and going down may not seem like much but it can add up.

Twice these cards were played with East-West as declarer, once at two spades and once at three clubs, both contracts going down. Twice North-South ended up at three hearts. One declarer made three hearts, but careful defense defeated the other declarer.

Neither side vulnerable and South is dealer.

NORTH  
S-Q J 4 3 2  
H-7  
D-A 10 9 4 2  
C-J 7

WEST  
S-K 8 7 6 5  
H-J 2  
D-K 8 5 3  
C-K 8

EAST  
S-A 10 9  
H-A 5 4  
D-J 7  
C-A 10 9 5 3

SOUTH  
S-VOID  
H-K Q 10 8 6 3  
D-Q 9  
C-Q 4 2

The bidding:  
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST  
3H PASS PASS PASS

Opening lead — King of clubs.

I am not sure how the bidding went at other tables but it was brief where I was. South with a seven card suit and less than 10 high card points has a good preemptive bid and opened three hearts. That finished the auction.

Ruled out trump West did not want to lead from a long suit headed by the king. Generally a passive defense

against a preemptive bid is not good, so that ruled out a trump lead. Hence West led the club king.

This lead is not as unusual as it looks. If the king and ace of clubs are interchanged, most Wests would lead the club ace without too much hesitation.

Two choices When the king won the trick, West continued with the eight in spite of the doubleton in dummy. East won and returned the club ten. Declarer has two choices and West has a difference defence for each one.

If declarer ruffs the club queen, West must ruff with the trump jack and return a trump to stop another club ruff.

No sense If declarer plays the club six, West must not ruff. There is no sense in ruffing a loser. After declarer ruffs the club in dummy, he might as well try to score the diamond queen. However, West will win and exit with a spade. Declarer ruffs the spade lead and leads a trump. He must lead a high trump to prevent West's jack from winning but it is to no avail. East wins the first trump and leads another club, allowing West to take the setting trick.

### Make contract

If West had ruffed the earlier club lead, declarer's lead of trump would remove West's last trump and declarer would make the club queen and his contract.

Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge Club were: first, Bart Fisher and Kay Campbell; second Betty Ashley and Gloria Coats; third, Kate Coats and Bill Coats.



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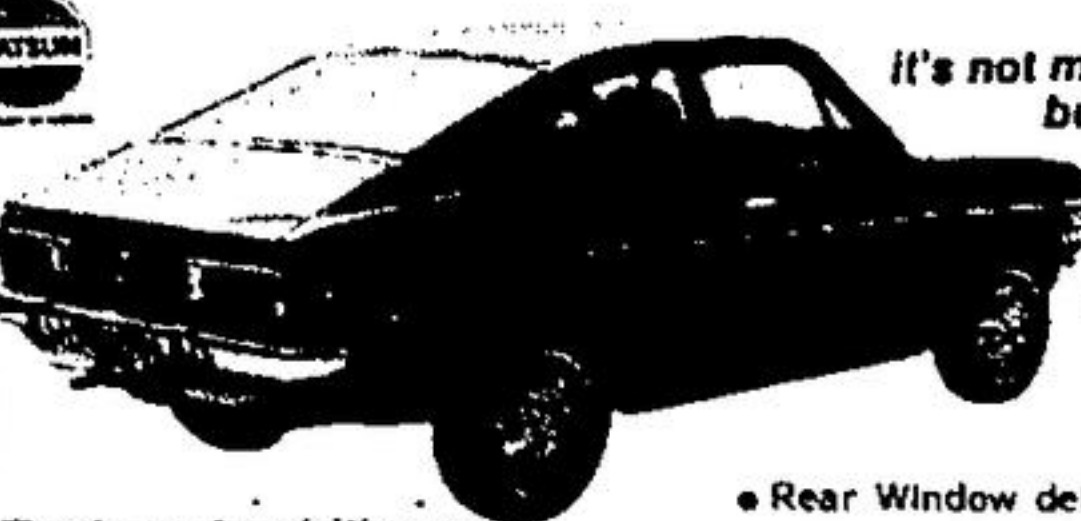
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