



BELIEVE IN "OUNCE OF PREVENTION" ADAGE

The 1970 Safety Conference of the Industrial Accident Prevention Association was held in Toronto on Monday and Tuesday last week. More than 4,000 delegates representing Ontario manufacturing and retail industries registered for the conference. Accident prevention and safety awareness were highlighted at the meeting. Four Georgetown men inspect air-line equipment displayed at the meeting. From the left are Bradley Little, general foreman, William Geggie, personnel manager, Stewart Bottomley, general foreman and J. F. Hamilton, factory manager. The men are representing the Standard Products Canada Ltd. plant in Georgetown.

Nursing Heads Reinstated Milton Hospital Fuss Dies

Two top nurses at Milton District Hospital have been reinstated in response to protests from nurses, doctors and citizens.

Nursing Director Lucille Verrall and her assistant, Mrs. Phyllis Walker, resumed their duties Monday. More than 500 people gathered at Milton public school for the annual board meeting, April 8th, greeted announcements of the reinstatement with

cheers and loud applause. The hospital's nurses had threatened to resign en masse this month if the two were not reinstated.

GREY LIST

The Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario had also threatened to greylist the hospital — that is, urge nurses not to apply for jobs until the dispute was settled. The firing of Mrs. Verrall January 27th for alleged in-

competence and the demotion that day of Mrs. Walker, who subsequently quit, touched off a two month dispute involving nurses, doctors and citizens, and an investigation by the Ontario Hospital Services Commission.

Dalton McQuaig, who fired Mrs. Verrall, resigned as hospital administrator a week later. He was replaced in the interim by Dr. W. S. Legate.

CHAIRMAN

J. M. Ledwith, chairman of the hospital board, said he favored reinstatement of the nurses but the 15-member board had been split. The OHSIC investigation team recommended a new director and new administrator. A new administrator, Ronald Woods, was appointed.

Ledwith also cleared up allegations of sabotage. He said damage to several cases of x-ray film and to the hospital's heating system "was just a case of inexperienced staff or human error."

TRIAL PERIOD

In making the announcement, Ledwith said the two senior nurses were to be on a four month trial period. Ledwith said the trial had been imposed at request of the hospital nurses and the RNAO. Members of the audience were allowed to address the board members and there were tributes to Mrs. Verrall and Mr. Ledwith.

"SHAMEFUL"

The day the two nurses were released from their duties, they were escorted out of the hospital by a security guard on orders from McQuaig.

Ledwith apologized last night to the two women for what he termed "this shameful act."

"Words cannot erase what has happened and I'm very, very sorry it did," he said. The crowd broke into warm

applause and Mrs. Verrall sat with a small smile on her face.

INJURED

Mrs. Verrall had been badly injured in a car-truck accident near London February 6th and is still under doctor's care.

Several members of the audience asked why it took the board so long to reinstate the nurses.

"We had to wait for the Ontario Hospital Services Commission Report on the troubles at the hospital before we decided," Ledwith said.

He added contents of the report will not be made public, although the commission had no objection to airing of the report.

Ledwith said all the nurses had withdrawn their resignations.

Ledwith, an appointee of Halton County Council on the board, also announced he will not stand for reappointment to the board. Four new members were elected to the board last night and will select a new chairman.

Hold the Line, Won't Raise Taxes for R.C.'s

Separate school taxes will not go up in Halton County despite a spending increase of 15 per cent this year.

By deciding last week to top \$140,000 more from its proposed budget of \$4,570,088, the board will be able to hold to 1000 mill rates but cannot match the public schools' reduced 1970 levies.

To meet the 1970 public school rates, the separate school budget would have to be cut more than \$223,000.

OPPOSITION

Several board members — Leno Braida the most outspoken, opposed even the \$140,000 cut which they said means sacrificing both teaching quality and needed plant maintenance.

At the other extreme was Father Blake Ryan who warned the board that the separate school systems will lose supporters once its tax rate goes above the public school rate.

If the difference in the rates is too great, Father Blake said, "the law of diminishing returns will hit you and the assessment will not be there."

The \$4,429,087 in spending approved by the board will be offset by \$3,559,076 in revenue from provincial grants.

DEFICIT

To the balance of \$870,911 is

March is a Record 42 Hospital Births

March was one of the highest months for births at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital since it opened 10 years ago. Figures on the hospital's operation in March show 42 births during the month compared to 30 for the same month in 1969. It brought to 91 the number of births there this year.

The rate of occupancy stayed high, averaging 107.8 per cent in medical and surgical, 75.7 per cent in children's ward, and 51 per cent in maternity. The over-all occupancy rate was 91.6.

Other figures contained in the service statistics:

Yr. to Date	Mar. 69	Mar. 70
Adms.	564	225
Deaths	8	9
Emerg.	1289	455
Daily Average Patient Load (adults)	61	58
children)	7	8
Maj. Op.	61	17
Min. Op.	126	43
Tonsils		40
Adnoids	35	23

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LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

BY BILL COATS

If you ever want to become a good bridge player you must learn to make a plan before you play any hand. You should make your plan before even one card is played from dummy. Your plan will depend on the contract that you are in, the cards that you hold and what the opponents have told you.

Now your opposition isn't willingly going to give you information. So you must be tuned in when they make bids for each other's information. Here is a most interesting hand that occurred at the Georgetown Duplicate Bridge Club. On this hand declarer must make his plan before he plays one card from dummy and he must listen to what the opponents have told him.

East dealt with neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
S-A J 9
H-9 6 3
D-A Q
C-A Q 6 4 2

WEST S-10 8 6 S-K 7 3
H-7 2 H-A J 10 8
D-8 7 5 3 D-K 9 4 2
C-10 9 5 3 C-K 7

SOUTH
S-Q 5 4 2
H-K Q 5 4
D-J 10 6
C-J 8

The bidding:
1 H Pass WEST NORTH
2 NT Pass 2 C
All Pass

Opening lead: 10 of spades. North-South were using strong overcalls so when North bid 2 clubs he is showing at least an opening bid. South has a good hand with heart well stopped so he tries 2 no trump, which North is glad to carry to three.

West felt that a heart lead was rather safe so he tried a spade. Before playing a card, declarer should take stock, between his hand and dummy declarer can count 26 high card points. East should have at least 13 points for his opening bid, before West can have at the most one jack. Declarer knows that every finesse except hearts will fail.

He can count on two spade tricks, two hearts, two diamonds and at least three clubs. If he can get them before the defense gets five tricks.

If declarer plays a low 2, East will win and return a diamond. After the club fin-

esse loses, East will lead another diamond and ultimately East will take two black kings, two diamonds and the heart ace.

Declarer should win the first spade in dummy with the ace and immediately lead a low club. Why take a finesse when East must have the king? If East wins he can make no good return. Declarer must win four club tricks, and he can easily develop five tricks in the rest of the hand.

Let's say that East returns a heart. Declarer wins and cashes his club jack. Now a spade can be led to let East make his king. Another heart will give declarer two tricks. Perhaps East will lead a spade. Now declarer can lead a heart from dummy himself.

If declarer makes his plan when he first sees dummy and has also listened to the bidding, he should not go wrong on this hand.

ACTON BRIDGE CLUB

Monday's results — 1st, Betty Ashley and Gloria Coats; 2nd, Ivan Harris and Mrs. K. Coats; 3rd, Harry Arbie and Jack Coats.

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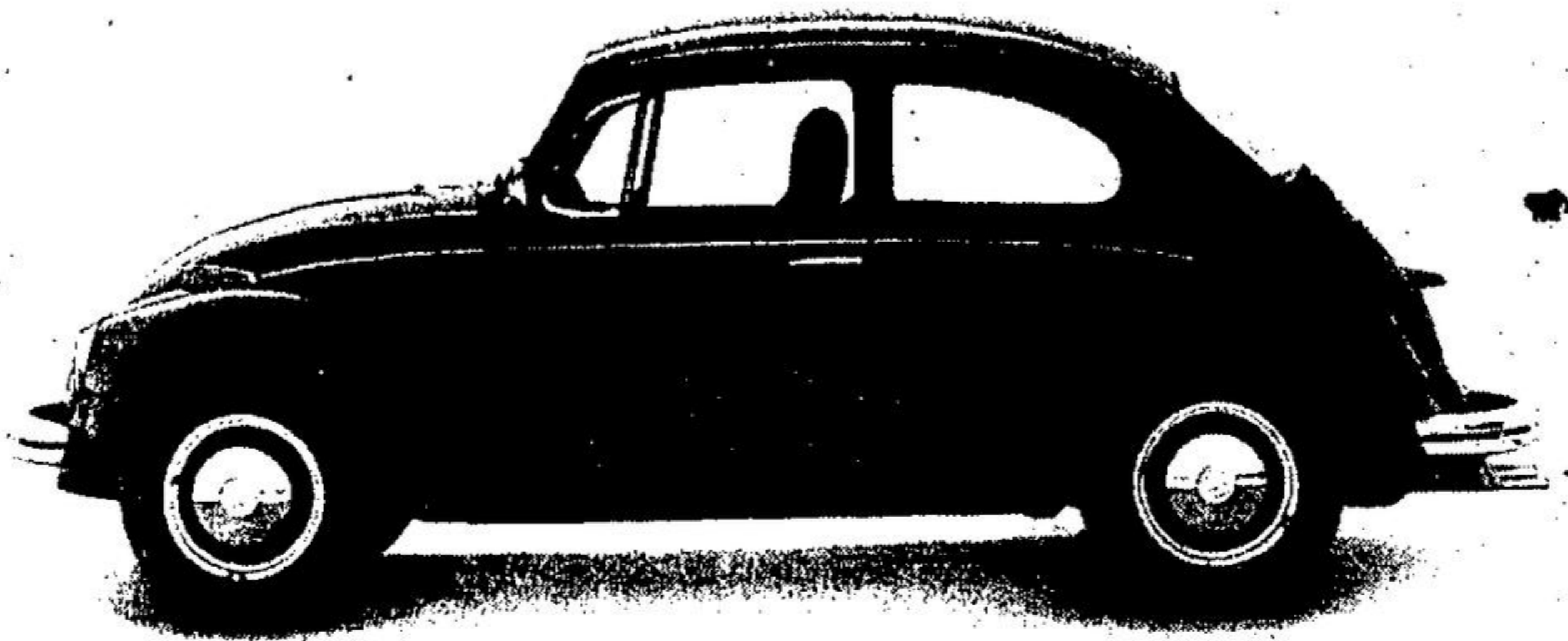
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