



NORTH HALTON REPORT

During the week ending November 20, officers of the Ontario Provincial Police stationed at North Halton Detachment worked a total of 908 1/2 hours and patrolled 8,408 miles on area roads under their jurisdiction. Traffic enforcement resulted in 27 drivers receiving a summons to appear in Court for Traffic violations. Twenty-two drivers received warnings for lesser offences. Proceedings in Milton Provincial Court resulted in 78 convictions being registered.

There were 52 general occurrences investigated during this reporting period. Included in this number were: 3 thefts, 2 trespassing complaints, 1 person charged for violating the Liquor Control Act, 1 car recovered for another Police Department, 2 complaints of damage to property and 1 person reported missing and later located.

Three premises were found insecure by officers on patrol and 12 charges of car theft have been laid against 2 persons as a result of continued investigation into cars reported stolen from North Halton OPP area or recovered in their

area. The remaining occurrences were minor in nature.

For those who enjoy statistics North Halton OPP investigated fatal collision number 16 that caused the death of the 21st person this year. This collision was only 1 of 20 collisions investigated this week. Twenty-nine vehicles were involved in these collisions and damage was estimated to total \$10,890.00. Seven collisions caused injury to 12 people and the 12 remaining collisions resulted in damage only to property.

Fifteen drivers have been summoned to appear in Court as a result of being involved in these collisions. Causes of these collisions have been attributed to: inattentive driving, fail to yield right of way, fail to stop, and following too closely. Three collisions involved a vehicle and an animal.

Provincial Constable J.H.L. Redpath, North Halton Detachment, Accident Prevention Officer, visited Limehouse and Campbellville Public Schools and Georgetown District Christian School speaking to 375 students about safety.

LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

By BILL COATS

Many times when you are forced to discard while declarer runs a long suit, you should discard according to the long suits that you can see in dummy. Here is an example which came up at the Acton Bridge Club last week. Only overtricks are involved but, as I have mentioned before, overtricks are worth their weight in gold at duplicate bridge.

West dealt with East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
S-Q102
H-K954
D-J
C-AK42

WEST
S-5
H-AJ108
D-Q878
C-8553

EAST
S-K93
H-82
D-105432
C-J76

SOUTH
S-AJ8764
H-73
D-AK9
C-Q10

worth a 50 per cent chance of making the slam.

USUAL LEAD

The real problem here is to keep declarer from making all the tricks. Most defenders will not open the heart ace against a game contract. The diamond lead was the most usual and dummy's jack won the first trick. Declarer proceeded to finesse against the trump king by leading the queen from dummy. This was properly ducked by East. Declarer continued with the spade ten, again ducked by East.

At this point, West must decide what to keep and what to discard. Obviously declarer had the ace and king of diamonds. He had a long spade suit, hence not too many hearts and clubs. West must hang on to the heart ace but equally important, West must hang on to four clubs.

I admit that West's clubs do not look like much but one look at dummy should convince West that his clubs are important. Any time you see a four card suit in dummy and you also have four cards in that suit, try to keep your length matched with dummy's length.

CLASSIC SQUEEZE

West discarded a heart on the second spade. Declarer continued with three more rounds of trump and West discarded two diamonds and another heart. It's too bad that declarer did not lead his last trump and two high diamonds for then West is caught in a classic simple squeeze. Why not lay out the cards and check this for yourself.

At the table, declarer led the club queen and then entered dummy with the club ace. One heart was discarded on the club king but West's nine of clubs prevented a second discard. Declarer had to concede a heart trick for a poor result.

All other North-South pairs made 13 tricks except the one pair, mentioned earlier, who bid slam but did not make it.

Last week's winners at Acton bridge club - 1st, Mrs. Kay Campbell and Jack Coats; 2nd (tie) Cam Sinclair and Walter Biehn; Mrs. Betty Ashley and Mrs. Kate Coats.

Opening lead - six diamonds.

If you look at these cards, you will see that a small slam has been missed. Only one pair out of five reached the slam and they failed to make twelve tricks. I was originally going to write about this but I am at a loss to see how they could go down. Declarer appears to have six spade tricks, one heart trick, two diamond tricks and three club tricks. That adds up to twelve without any trouble.

NORTH AT FAULT

North is at fault for not reaching the slam. Once South jumps to three spades showing the equivalent of an opening bid, North should re-evaluate his hand. The spade queen and the singleton diamond increase in value and North's hand is worth eighteen points in support of spades. A check on aces should be enough to assure a six bid. Small slams should be bid on a finesse for the point bonus is



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