

Santa Just One of 150 Old Timers at Dinner

For the 17th year, the Rotary Club hosted the annual Christmas Senior Citizens dinner last week, with a complete festive dinner, entertainment, and arrival of a jovial Santa Claus disguised as George Glassford. One hundred and fifty guests,

transported by members of the Radicals Car Club enjoyed the evening. They were piped in by three killed members of the Legion Pipe Band, and served by waiters from the Rotary Club. The dinner was prepared and served by the Rotarians, plus

many volunteers from: Guides and other clubs. Some of the women doing the dishes have been performing this chore for the whole 17 years. Again Steamer Emmerson acted as master of ceremonies, joking with the guests, most of

whom he knew by name. Singers Dawn and Cindy were accompanied by Ralph Ursel, at the Baldwin theatre organ donated by Paul Barber, and George Rowe on drums. Four majorettes from the Georgetown Majorette Club, Anne-Marie

Stone, Debbie Hinds, Stacey Hamilton and Janet Brandt, twirled and kicked for the audience. Santa Claus distributed gifts donated by the Red Cross, something they too have done since the inception of the dinners.



Georgetown senior citizens enjoy Rotary Club hospitality.



Carving in the kitchen during the senior citizens dinner, Bob Burns, left, and Bob Holmes.

Council Reduces Taxi Insurance

Council dropped their insurance demands for taxi owners, Monday night, from \$200,000 public liability to \$50,000 public liability, over Cr. Phil Siddall's objections. The taxi drivers had protested the higher amount, saying it is almost impossible for taxi owners to obtain that much insurance. Clerk-Administrator Doug Pritchard told council he checked with insurance agents who told him it was possible if only the owner operated the vehicle, but where others also operated the vehicle the companies would not encourage it. The mayor said Oakville and Burlington have this lower coverage.

DISCUSSING
Raising the matter of temporary licensing, another point asked for the taxi owners, Cr. Denison asked if anything was being done. The mayor said he was discussing it with the chief and would have a recommendation very soon. On the recorded vote to lower the insurance demands, only Cr. Siddall was opposed.

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Steamer Emmerson performed his last master of ceremonies duties at senior citizens dinner.

Council decided to set a 35 mile an hour speed limit on the 5th line in Limehouse and on the 10th line in Glen Williams.

Council authorized the paying of the three members of the Esqueing Fire Area, No. 1, Wilfrid Leslie, Russell Miller and Len Cox, \$25 a meeting they attended throughout the year. Leslie received \$175, Miller \$200 and Cox \$200.

George Bourne, R.R.5 Milton will be sent a \$7 cheque the amount of the fox bounty. He brought it in to the municipal building Monday.

Council okayed the payment of \$80,903, to Halton County, part of their levy for 1971. The remainder \$50,000, was paid earlier in the year.

Acton Fire Area members were paid nothing at all this year. The two, Reeve Tom Hill and Cr. Len Cox said they attended no meetings, the secretary K. C. Lindsay was paid \$40 for the year.

Council voted Reeve Tom Hill his salary for the year, amounting to \$2,000.

They also approved the payment of the '71 Halton Region Conservation Authority levy amounting to \$9,223.

Other grants approved by council were: '71 grant to Ontario Federation of Agriculture \$300, Acton Recreation Commission \$225, Georgetown Recreation Commission \$700, Milton Recreation Commission \$425, Georgetown Agricultural Society \$200, Acton Fair Board \$200, Milton Fair Board \$50, Poppy Fund \$15, Sunshine Mentally Retarded School \$25, Canadian Mental Health Society \$25.

Esqueing Council Briefs

W. R. Lawson informed Esqueing council Monday afternoon that he is resigning from Planning Board at the end of this year.

WINNERS
Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge Club were: first, Kay Campbell and Jack Coats; second, Cam Sinclair and Walter Biehn; third, Betty Ashley and Kate Coats.

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LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

By BILL COATS

Declarer should always be flexible when planning how to make a contract. Often one plan must be abandoned for another when the cards do not behave as they should. Here is just such a hand from the Acton Bridge Club.

East dealt with neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
S-K 7 4
H-9 7 3
D-A Q 7
C-J 6 5 2

EAST
S-VOID
H-Q 8 5
D-10 9 8 6 5 3
C-Q 9 8 7

SOUTH
S-A Q J 10 9 6
H-K J 4
D-K 4
C-K 10

The bidding:
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH
Pass 1S PASS 2C
Pass 3S PASS H S
All pass

Opening lead - jack of diamonds.

South has no problem with his opening bid. In standard American he opens one spade and with any system using a forcing one club to describe a big hand, opens one club. North is the player with problems. He has enough points to bid at the two level but no good suit. He should wait and see by bidding two clubs. He should not bid no trump nor should he support spades with a balanced hand and only three spades.

FORCING PLAY
Once North bids at the two level, any jump bid by South is

forcing to game. South can bid three spades, knowing that it cannot be passed. When North can do nothing but raise to four, South decides to sign off.

Declarer lets the opening lead come up to his king of diamonds. This looks like an easy hand - six spade tricks and three diamond tricks for sure and lots of possibilities in the other two suits. Declarer should plan to draw trump ending up in dummy and finesse either clubs or hearts.

GETS JOLT
However, declarer gets a bit of a jolt when East shows out on the first trump lead. Now declarer needs extra entries to work his

tininess. He should first of all lead the spade six and finesse dummy's seven. I know that West can spoil this, but how many Wests would play the eight at this time. The club can now be tried and declarer is lucky for on the ten, West must play the Ace.

West exits with the diamond two and declarer tries to get a heart discard on dummy's third diamond (but West ruffs and leads his last trump). This is won in dummy and the heart finesse is tried. This works also and declarer loses just two aces and one diamond ruff.

If declarer draws all the trump before he tries his finesses he could easily end up a trick short for there is only one entry to dummy. Also he must take a discard before he finesses and he does not know which suit to discard.

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