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Aim at Reducing Duplication Of County's Social Services

Halt County Human Services Council is considering a plan to reduce duplication of services by service agencies in the county.

Details of the plan will be made public in late March if it is approved by Halt County Council's community services committee. The plan calls for the creation of a "facilitator" — a person who would be responsible for getting various agencies to work together rather than independently.

Recently the services council met behind closed doors in Halt County Courthouse and Administration Building to discuss the format of the plan which was presented by a six-member steering committee of the council.

Later council chairman John Graham gave an outline of the plan.

He said the idea of the plan is "to use the services we have most efficiently and effectively."

DELIVER MORE?
"As we (Halt County) move into regional government wondering whether we can structure human services in the

county better at no greater expense. At the same time we can deliver more?"
Graham noted that one example of duplication of services occurs when a family is having a problem with one of its children.

He said it is possible for the family to have to deal with four or five agencies, for instance, a school psychiatrist, the Children's Aid, a family counselling agency, and public health and welfare officials, resulting in the family being snowed under by visits with the different agencies.

PROTECT PRIVACY
He stressed that for the services council's plan to work "the family has to be willing that various people work together," adding that the "privacy of the individual must be protected."

"If a family is willing, it is possible to reduce duplication of services," he said.

Graham said the steering committee first began working on the plan in January and that the services council hopes to have the format ironed out in

time for county council's community services committee meeting March 12.

He said regional government proposals had stimulated the services council into moving in the direction of creating a "facilitator" but that the council had been aware of the need for some time.

PUBLIC INPUT
Three years ago the services council became aware that social services in North Halt County were not the same as "the rest of the county," Graham said. "Now things have improved."

He said he considers the services council's plan as a "white paper" and anticipates that public input will be received before the idea is implemented.

THE KEY
"The facilitator won't be an authoritarian," Graham said. "Not someone who's going to set up any more red tape but somebody to make things easier."

He said the facilitator's lack of authority would probably be the "key issue" in making the

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Legislation Threat to Merchants, Tells Chamber

Government legislation poses one of the greatest threats to the independent businessman, the Chamber of Commerce was told at its annual meeting Wednesday at North Halt Golf & Country Club.

George Crompton, manager of the Retail Merchants Association of Canada said his organization can be of immense help to merchants and urged local merchants to join. He was introduced by Earl Ryder, an active booster for the association.

Mr. Crompton termed legislation as more dangerous than competition. "Larger businesses can handle this perhaps," he said, "but small businesses crumbling under the weight of

bookkeeping and regulations". He urged merchants to pay more attention to politics at all levels.

SIMPLIFIED
The RMAC is constantly trying to have legislation simplified and to avoid some new measures contemplated, he said. He mentioned a Competitions Bill, a Metric Commission, Solid Waste task force, Food Prices Commission, as some of these.

ONE RESTRICTION
What his group wants is regulated store hours, and he said he is pleased that the national Chamber of Commerce supports this.

The importance of small business is indicated, he said, by the fact that 40 percent of

Canada's work force is employed in businesses with 25 or less employees.

SOME TIPS
He gave some tips to merchants.

"Look at your store objectively, from across the street," he said. "Know and use your customers' names. Know their wants. Handle complaints promptly and fairly."

He urged storekeepers to keep stock rotating, keep stores neat and clean, use the local

advertising media. "And, above all, get involved in your community," he concluded.

ELECTION

Ken Faulkner succeeded Graeme Goebelle as president in an election. Ray Steele is 1st vice president and Sandy Mackenzie 2nd vice president. Alex Blackwell is secretary; Tracy Barrager, treasurer; Earl Ryder, Jack Hamilton, George Gray and John Edgar, directors.

Flood Line Prevents Sale of Building Lots

Mrs. Murray Coe, R.R.1, Georgetown took her problem to her member of parliament, Terry O'Connor, when she claimed she could get no satisfaction from Esqueving council or the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

Terry O'Connor sent a copy to Esqueving council and asked for more information.

In the letter Mrs. Coe said she had four building lots for sale and a buyer, but could not get building permits. She quoted the Credit Valley Authority as saying the land was in the flood plain, but pointed out other parcels of land, one in Norval and one in Huttonville, closer to the river than hers, had been built upon.

passed by the Credit Valley Authority in 1970 had been broken by the Riviera, who put on a large addition since then. She stressed that the Riviera was much closer to the river than her property which, she said, was 350 feet from the river.

She claimed the land has been surveyed in residential lots since the turn of the century.

The letter stated the Conservation Authority doesn't want to buy the four and a half acres, and neither does the township. "But we still have to pay taxes on it," said the letter. "Heave Tom Hill said Monday night it was up to the Conservation Authority. "We never refused them a building permit."

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LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

By BILL COATS

I am a great advocate of making a plan at trick one. Sometimes a play that seems automatic, requires a second look and after you have played it is too late to make a plan.

Here is a hand where hasty play at trick one caused declarer to lose a game contract. East dealt with both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
S-10 7
H-10 4
D-K J 10 7 5 3
C-Q J 7

EAST
S-A Q J 6
H-7 6 3
D-Q 8 4
C-6 5 4

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

SOUTH
S-K 9 5 2
H-K Q J 8
D-A 6
C-A 9 2

The bidding:
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH
Pass 1 N.T. Pass 3 N.T.
ALL PASS

Opening lead — three of clubs.

South has a balanced hand with seventeen high card points, and he correctly opens one no trump. You may question North's jump to game. North's hand is not exactly a balanced hand. If the long suit had been a major suit, North would have bid game in the major.

With a good minor suit, such as North holds, you can stay in no trump. You should add one point in the suit. Thus North's hand is really worth ten points and thereby qualifies for a jump to game opposite a one no trump opening bid.

EIGHT TRICKS
West lead the club three. Declarer took this opportunity for a free finesse by playing dummy's queen which held the trick. Later when the diamond queen failed to drop, the best he could do was eight tricks.

As you could gather by the introduction paragraph, one declarer went wrong at trick one. Declarer can always take two club tricks and he can afford to lose a club trick. The queen of clubs is a vital card in dummy. If declarer cannot drop or finesse the diamond queen, the club suit must provide the entry to dummy. Declarer should play low from dummy at trick one and should win the first trick in his hand with the ace (not the nine).

FINESSE TAKEN
Now the diamond ace is cashed and the diamond finesse is taken. Later dummy is entered via the club suit. There is still a bit of a contest but declarer should get nine tricks before the defense gets five so long as declarer can get five diamond tricks.
Last week's winners at the

Acton Bridge Club were: first, Midge and Frank Hampshire; second, Harry Arbic and Bill Coats; third, Art Norris and Kay Campbell.

Silver-Wood 4-H Girls Club Gets Organized

The first meeting of the 4-H girls club was held Thursday night, at the home of leader Mrs. Spence. Mrs. Jones is assisting with the club. (Cheryl) Spence is president; Beth Carmichael vice-president; Heather Morton secretary; Lisa Beoney treasurer; Yvonne Carney, press reporter; Cathy Beoney and Debbie Chamberlain, phone committee.

The girls are in process of choosing a name for their club. They have all cut their material and some have it ready for sewing.

Mrs. C. Flint and Mrs. E. Lucy visited with the George Hurts on Sunday.

India Brownies Are 'Bulbuls'

To mark "Thinking Day" 13th Georgetown Brownies had Mrs. David Hender of Bramalea as guest speaker at their regular meeting in Centennial school. This is a day when Brownies think of their sister Brownies around the world. Mrs. Hender, who is a native of India and was a Brownie and Guide there, spoke to the girls about Brownies in her native land. In India they are called Bulbuls, which is the name of a beautiful native bird. She spoke of the games and test work of the Bulbuls, comparing this with what Brownies do here. The girls discovered that, despite the great distance separating them, Brownies throughout the world, they have much in common.

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