

Talks to Georgetown Men's Club

# Regions for All Ontario In 10 Years Says Meen

Mayor Bill Smith was the only council member who had a chance to speak when town council and a group of local Grade 10 high school students were guests of the AOTS Men's Club of St. John's United Church of Georgetown and Glen Williams at their March meeting. Mayor Smith was, in fact, thanking the guest speaker Arthur Meen, MPP for East York, who is Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Treasury, Economics, and Intergovernmental Affairs.

Mr. Meen is responsible for setting up a scheme of regional government west of Toronto in Peel, Halton, and Hamilton-Wentworth, and spoke with conviction about the roles of local and regional governments.

Ever since the Baldwin Act of 1949, which delegated certain powers to the township and municipal governments, local governments have been in a state of flux. Requirements have changed, the number of communities has increased drastically, and lifestyles are now placing more and more pressures on our municipal leaders.

Various solutions to the problems of proper and/or profitable land usage have been tried with varying degrees of success. Interestingly, these

have always tended to create larger areas of political jurisdiction either through annexation or through a rather weak political scheme of inter-municipal co-operation at the planning board level.

**REDUCE JOBS**  
Out of all these attempts evolved the present regional government plan which is a new attempt to create an overplanning authority in each region with a broad tax base to supply the funding. Because of economies of scale, senior level governments would be able to afford specialists to deal with planning, water supplies, sewers, roads, and solid waste disposal.

Far from creating new high level jobs for regional government officials, the scheme would actually reduce the number of people now required because of duplication of duties. Area level governments would now be responsible for strictly local problems such as sidewalks, garbage, fire control, zoning bylaws, etc.

As presently designed, Peel Region would comprise three communities, Halton four, and Hamilton-Wentworth five or seven. Regional government officers might be appointed by direct election to the senior level and then take part at the area level as well, or might be

lected to the area level and then be appointed from this body to serve at the senior level. Many of the details are not yet firm and recommendations are still being solicited from the areas concerned.

**SOME TAXES DOUBLED**  
Concerning the financial effects of regional government on people living in this area, Mr. Meen suggested that taxes would hopefully not increase and economies of scale might actually reduce them. He then went on to cite the unfortunate situation in the Niagara Region where some taxes doubled, but suggested that regional government was never meant to be a cost saving device.

In order to ease the financial burden on a region at the time of changeover, the provincial government will provide funds to help defray election, organization and other costs such as police protection which will now be the responsibility of each region.

Regional government should be a reality this year from Niagara and the Golden Horseshoe in the west through to Cobourg-Port Hope in the east, and although no definite timetable has been set up, Mr. Meen predicts that all of Ontario will be run by regional governments in 10 years' time.

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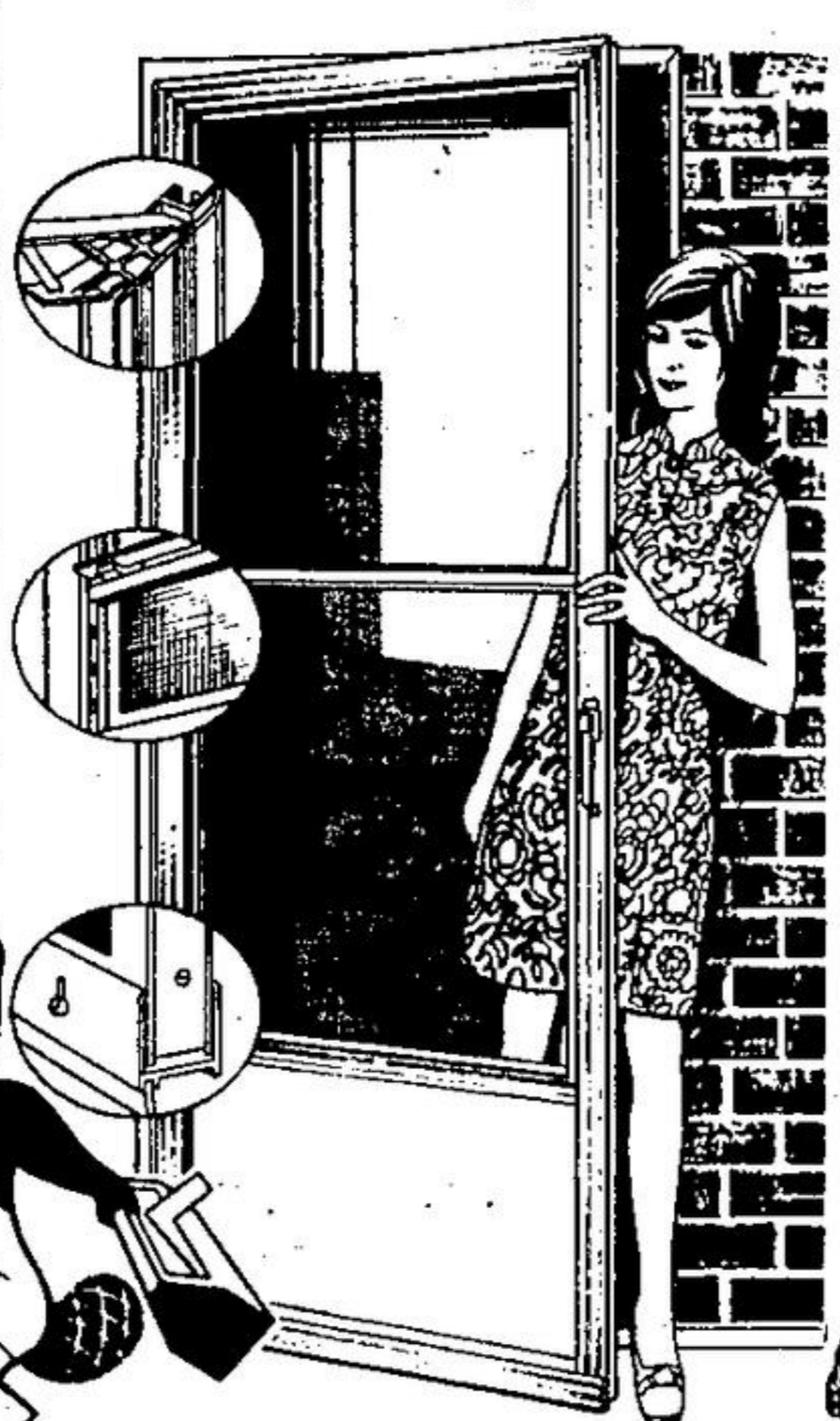
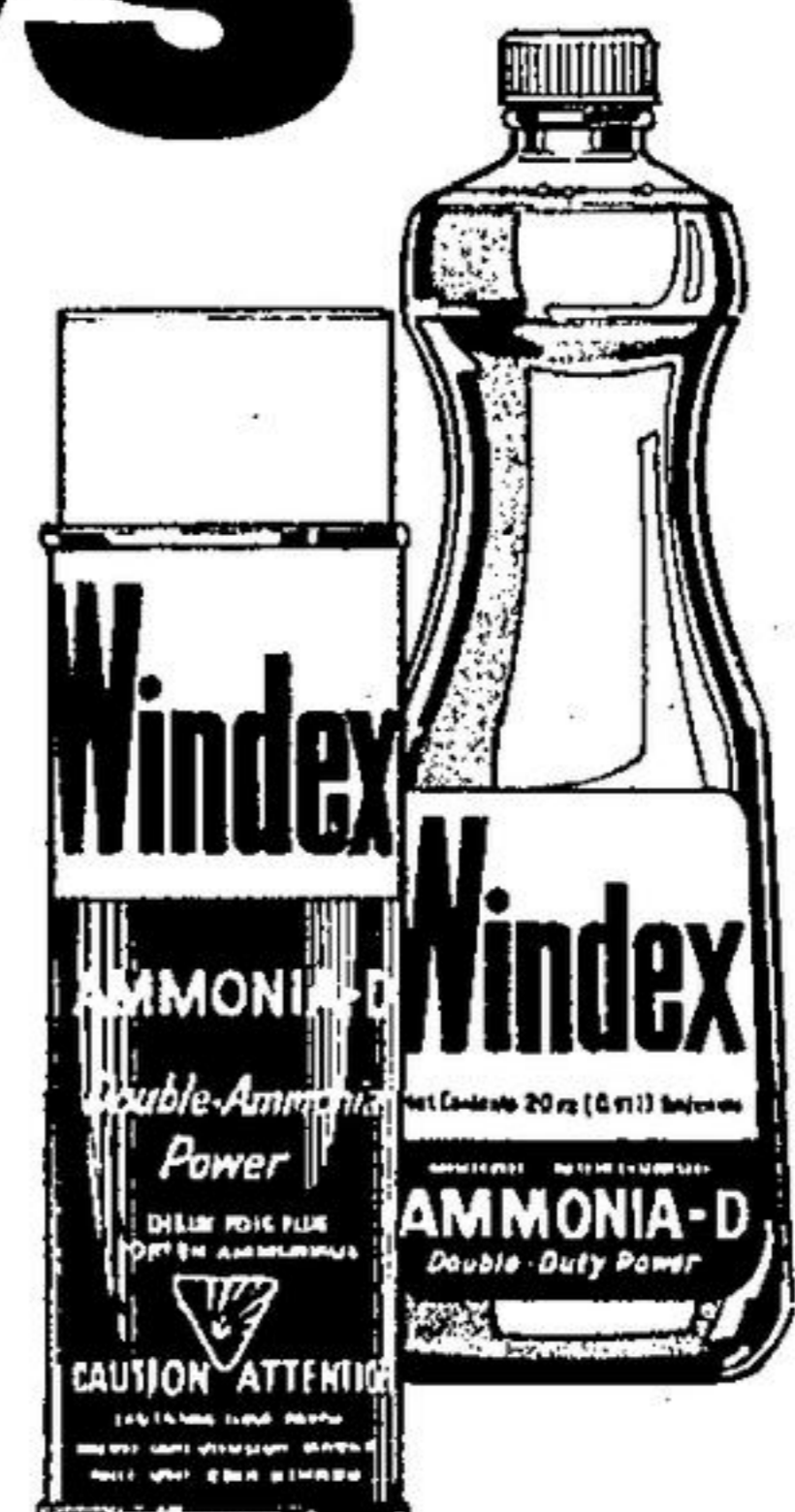
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### LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

By BILL COATS

Last week we played an "Individual Movement" at the Acton Bridge Club. In this type of game you have a different partner every round. There is only time to discuss basics with each partner, so all your usual fancy bids must be set aside and you can get some real "bid what you think you can make situations".

Here is a hand that gave a couple of pairs trouble. South dealt with neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
S-10 9  
H-Q 9 7 4 3  
D-10 8 7 2  
C-K 6

**EAST**  
S-7 6 4 2  
H-K 10 8  
D-A 9 5  
C-Q 8 4

mathematician to realize that a singleton or doubleton queen in West's hand is not very likely.

**JACK FINESSE**  
Declarer should lead a club to the king and finesse the jack on the way back. Somedays you win, somedays you lose, but on this hand the jack wins and three no trump comes home.

Winners at the Acton Bridge Club Individual Event were: first, Jack Coats; second, Mrs. Tyers; third, Gloria Coats; fourth, Ann Mowat; fifth, Mrs. Warnes.

**IN PUBLIC INTEREST**  
Mayor Smith, in thanking the speaker, expressed the opinion that in the long run regional government is inevitable and is in the best interests of the public. However, he hoped that a workable agreement can be evolved in collaboration with the local councils.

Students present at the Men's Club meeting were members of a Shadow Council, each student being selected to "shadow" a particular council member at the February 19 town council meeting. This is the second year in a row that the AOTS Men's Club has sponsored this event which has been well received by teachers, students, and council members.

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In order that individuals and organizations might be able to express their opinions or make suggestions in this regard, a series of public meetings have been arranged. They will be held at central points throughout the province. This is an invitation to interested parties to comment on the quality and relevance of Ministry programs, and their suitability to serve the industry at a time of rapid change. You are invited to present written briefs, or to make oral representation at one of these public meetings.

**PLACE**  
Chinguacousy Township Council Chamber, Bramlea Shopping Center, Bramlea Rd. & No. 7 Hwy.

**DATE 1973**  
Thursday March 29

**TIME**  
2 - 4:30 p.m.  
7 - 9:30 p.m.

**CHAIRMAN**— PROF. N. R. RICHARDS  
Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food  
Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario.

For more information call 916-965-3240, or contact your Agricultural Representative.

The bidding:  
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH  
Pass 2 N.T. Pass 3 H  
Pass 3 N.T. All Pass

Opening lead: five of spades.

Please don't think that I agree with the bidding, yet that is the way it went at two tables. Another table arrived at a three heart contract. First of all, South does not have a two no trump opener and secondly he should bid four hearts since North's bid says support hearts with three or more and bid no trump with a doubleton.

**PROSPECTS GOOD**  
Declarer won the spade lead with the queen. Prospects were not bad at all. There would be two spade tricks, one heart, three diamonds and two clubs so one more trick would be required. First declarer lead the diamond king, but East wasted no time. He won the ace of diamond and shot back a low spade.

Declarer won and lead three more rounds of diamonds just to see what would happen. West had to find two discards. He could let go one heart but what else. Actually another heart is a safe discard. If declarer had anything in hearts, surely he would have lead them before now.

**WHERE FROM HERE?**  
Where does declarer go from here? He dare not lose the lead for the defense is sitting with at least three good spade tricks. The have also taken the diamond ace. Declarer should lead the heart ace - just in case the king falls but of course it doesn't. It all falls back on the club suit to produce.

Which is more probable - a doubleton queen in West's hand or the queen in East's hand. You don't have to be a

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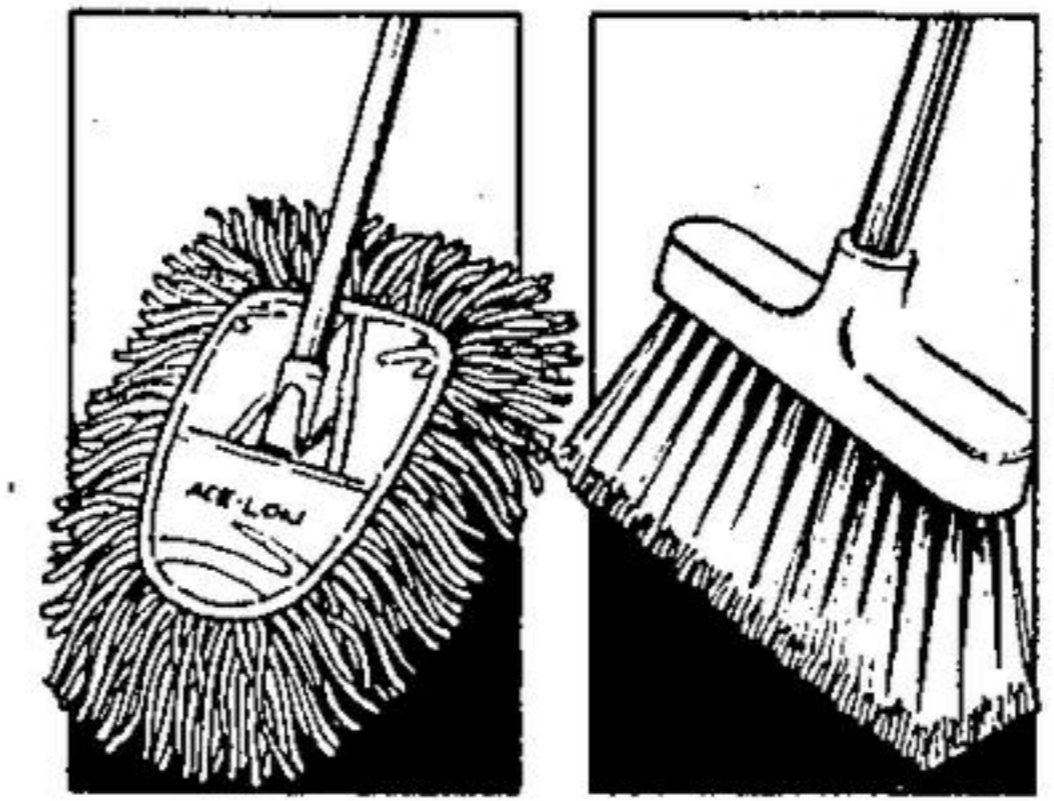
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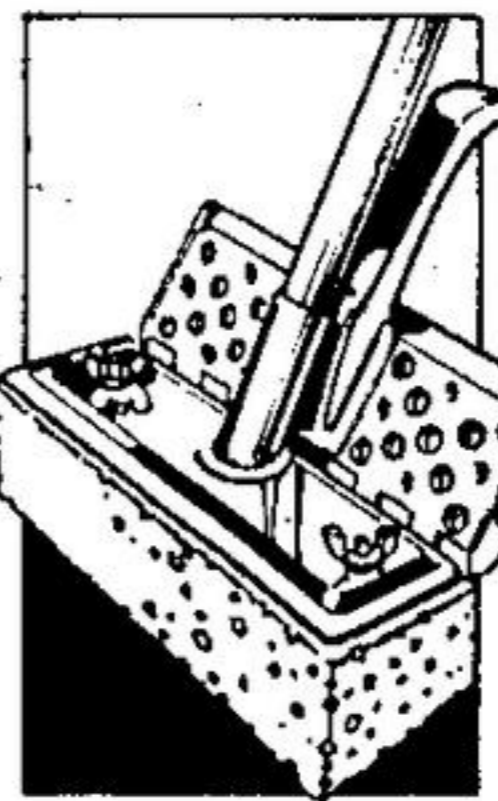
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