

Improve Union Station

Halton calls for better GO service

Halton has sent a letter to the provincial government asking for an extension of GO Rail service to Halton Hills, Milton and Burlington as well as improvements to Union Station in Toronto to add to its present two-track commuter train facilities.

Regional council last Wednesday gave its approval to a resolution from regional chairman Allan Masson calling for the improvements. Nothing that news reports indicated that Metro Toronto

"have taken a position in opposition to future extension of GO Transit Rail service....GO Rail services running into the region of Halton" have inadequate capacity and "arterial roads and highways between the region and Metro Toronto are intolerably crowded at rush hour" Masson asked council to "advise the province of Ontario of its support of the development of more adequate rail service and the recommendation of the Toronto

Transportation Terminal Task Force for improvements to the Union Station and for improvement of track and rail facilities in our terminal area." The region's stand will no doubt be greeted favorably by the Toronto Area Transit Operating Authority, A.T.C. McNab, chairman of TATO, has asked for the support of surrounding regions in the authority's fight against Metro Toronto on possible cutbacks to future GO facilities and a

block to any improvements to Union Station. "Their opposition reflects the city's views and obviously from reported discussions in the council, the views of only a segment of the members," notes McNab in a letter to Masson. "Unfortunately these statements are based, to a significant degree, on points which are misleading and which, in their bias, fail to consider the total picture. The projects on which these

statements cast doubt are extremely important to this part of the province and particularly to the balance of Metropolitan Toronto and the surrounding regions, who not only desire improved commuter rail services but whose development plans, especially from the standpoint of new commercial and industrial development, require the services. The demands on the GO Transit service are steadily increasing to the point where

passenger carryings in 1974 and 1975, particularly in peak hours, have increased in excess of 15 percent in each year and we are experiencing a very undesirable number of standees. "This increase is mainly brought about by the tremendous rise in capital and operating costs of motor vehicles and the intolerable congestion on our highways leading into and out of Metro Toronto."

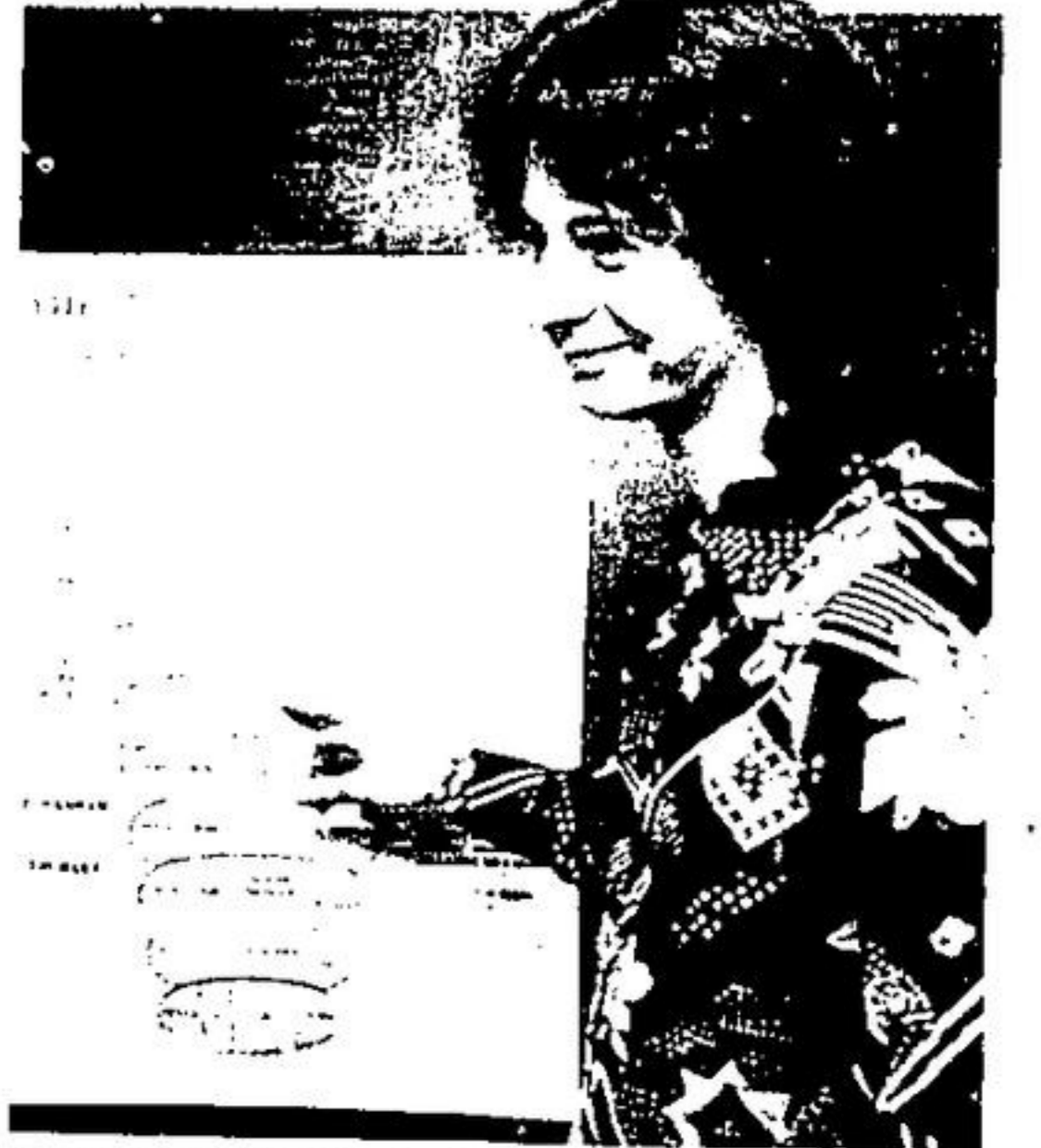
What's soul travel? Well . . . ?

Don't step on my silver cord

The difference between soul travel and astral projection was explained to an audience of 21 people at Cedarvale Community Centre Feb. 5th by Byron Patchett, teacher of Eckankar, the ancient science of soul travel also called the "all inclusive path of God." Patchett, 22, who works as a building service operator for Canadian Kodak, said people experiencing out of body experiences have no ill effects if they keep to the path of Eckankar. He explained that astral projection is a "limited state" wherein an essential part of the person is split off from the natural body but remains attached by a "silver cord", something like an umbilical cord. He said that in other planes of existence entities recognize the astral traveller by the presence of the cord and play tricks such as stepping on the cord. Some astral travellers, he said, end up in mental institutions but for those who

practice Eckankar receive help from other life forces who have gone ahead and are there to help and guide the novitiates. In outlining the history of Eckankar, Patchett said it was as old as time itself and that all other religions are splinter groups of it. In 1965 an American, Paul Twitchett, brought out from the Orient the principles of the ancient science and started the movement in North America. Eckankar tries to achieve a "soul plane" about four levels above earthly existence where an end is brought to the cycle of reincarnation. This is done by a series of contemplative exercises.

Patchett said, where the person's attention is focussed on "the third eye" a point midway and above the eyes on a person's head. Then, by chanting the name of God or a saint, Patchett said, "before long it's clicking and you're out of body." Patchett said everyone has the ability to do soul travel and that the purpose of his organization was to make people aware of their inherent abilities and teach them what to expect when they go out into the etheric regions. The ultimate goal of Eckankar, he said, was "mastery of our own life... our own destiny and freedom from our karma."



BYRON PATCHETT indicates the path of ECK, the ancient science of soul travel.

Unique snooker league begins

A snooker league, believed to be the first of its kind, had its first meeting Sunday evening in Acton. The league, AGMO Snooker League of Ontario, gets its name from the towns of Acton, Georgetown, Milton and Oakville, and was formed by Bert Bigelow of Acton Family Billiards along with Rosalind Routhier of Georgetown, Jim Soanes of Milton and Joe D'Angelo and Tom Dirisio of Oakville.

There are two divisions in the league—senior and junior—and acceptance into one of the divisions is based on skill of playing snooker rather than age. The entry fee is \$5 for seniors and \$3 for juniors. At the end of a full schedule of play lasting until June, the top player of the senior league will receive a trophy and \$50 in cash. The winner in the junior division will receive \$32. Runners-up in each league will receive \$30 and \$10 respectively.



NATHAN FIELD, runner-up in the Acton Open Snooker Tournament, makes his shot.

Want fence along Maple Avenue Holy Cross wants shop, home courses

Parents of students at Holy Cross School have sent a request to the Halton Separated School Board for a fence separating the school's playground from traffic on Maple Avenue. At the same time the Holy Cross Parents Association has asked the separate school board for home economics and shop facilities at the school. In requesting the safety fence the HGPS notes in a letter to the board "because of the nature of this site it is quite easy for a child or children playing there to dart out suddenly onto the extremely busy Maple Avenue with the possibility of severe or fatal consequences. The introduction of industrial arts and home economics facilities into Holy

Cross would put graduates from that school on an even level with students from Centennial and Stewarville Senior Public Schools, the parents note in the letter. "At present," the letter states, "intermediate students are offered electives at Holy Cross to expose them to other skills and types of learning but we feel this is not the best for high school courses. Our children could use a good foundation to prepare them for high school and we ask your assistance in broadening the curricula offerings at Holy Cross. We'd like to bring to your attention that the feeder schools to Georgetown District

High School offer such courses and that our children entering that high school are at a disadvantage in comparison with these students from the public school system." There would be some necessity for extra space to house the additional courses as facilities at the school are already taxed.

St. George's Men's Club elects new slate of officers

The annual meeting of the Men's Club of St. George's Anglican Church was held last Thursday evening in the church hall. Elected to head the group was John Felke. Secretary

is Tom Parry and treasurer is Bob McMurray. Roger Beck, John Wickens, Ross Paritt, Grant Johnston and Ed Tremaine. Last year St. George's Men's Club raised nearly \$2,000 in aid

of paying off the debt on the church hall. Dances and a booth at the church bazaar were the main fund sources for the group.



CENTRAL ONTARIO OSCIA MEMBERS TO MEETING—At the recent annual meeting of the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association, delegates from Halton, Peel and York Counties took part. Among the many Ontario delegates attending the two-day meeting at Kitchener were (left to right) E. Segworth, RR2 Milton; H. Dolson, RR1, Terra Cotta; R. Sovereign, RR2, Milton; G. Gardhouse, OSCIA director, RR4, Caledon East; A. Johnston, RR1, Kleinburg; and D. Fieldhouse, RR1, Woodbridge.

Walker Lodge installs new slate

W. Bro. Jack Carpenter was installed as W.M. of the Walker Lodge at the annual meeting held last month. Other new officers who were installed at the meeting were: W. Bro. George Hargrave I.P.M.; Bro. Wm. Near S.W.; Bro. Elmer Grischow J.W.; W. Bro. Melbourne Blwo, Chaplain; W. Bro. R.H. Elliott, treasurer; V.W. Bro. H.L. Ritchie, secretary; Bro. Gary Dawkins S.D.; Bro. John Carney J.D.; W. Bro. Roy Knapton D. of C.; Bro. Richard Coe I.G.; Bro. Jack Talton Tyler, Bro. L. Slingerland S.S.; Bro. Kenneth Hodgson J.S. and Bro. Bryan Alder as organist.

Halton has applied to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for \$3,528,969 for the addition to the Georgetown Water Pollution Control Plant. The application was approved by regional council last week.

Canadian snooker champion coming to Acton

Halton Hills snooker players will get a chance to see Cliff Thorburn, the Canadian Snooker Champion in 1974 and holder of 11 perfect games, in an exhibition of snooker at Acton Family Billiards, Wednesday, February 25 at 7 p.m.

Auxiliary working hard for Branch 120

Here we go again folks with another winning weekend with the bridge players coming second and our Ladies Auxiliary coming first and second in bowling.

Our two teams of bridge



players thoroughly enjoyed their trip to St. Catharines to compete in district bridge and Trevor Williams said it was a highly competitive tournament with about three points separating the teams. Duke Wilson, pairing up with Trevor Williams, and Mike

and Jim Sargent will probably make the trip too. We hope so as there is little difference in the teams, they are all excellent players. Now for another episode in the sporting life of the Ladies Auxiliary. The plot takes place at the Georgetown Bowling Lanes where we have 26 teams participating in that ever-popular game of bowling of which seven teams are representing the Ladies Aux. to Branch 120. Our girls host first as they are the best Auxiliary and there are more teams than the 20-lane alley can accommodate all at once. Our ladies are very satisfied with their showing and teams from the other Auxiliaries coming in later on in the day have their work cut out for them. As they take a look at the score board they know the teams have to be beaten. Can they do it? Well, they do their best, but their best is not quite good enough as, when all teams have bowled and all scores are counted, it is Georgetown who are first. Not

winners by Marion Carney, Barb Burns, Marg Rayner, Anne Nicholson, Charlene MacCormack and Dot Day. 'B' team had Dot Hicks June Grieg, Marg Innes, Frieda Handy, Vi Coburn and Hazel Dumper.

As to placing high enough to go on was 'A' team with Jan Emmerson, Audrey Weir, Flo Carswell, Jean Reid, Ellen Bastedo and Jean Foster. 'D' team placed eighth and, depending on how many times advance to regionals may possibly be included. These girls were Nellie Bell, Mary Russel, Eileane Nicholson, Gail Scarborough, Jerry Osborne and Cindy Crawford.

Dot Hicks won his single with 237 and June Grieg and Hazel Dumper won door prizes. All in all a very good day but really it's a typically average day in the sporting life of the Auxiliary. Next episode takes place in New Toronto Apr. 3rd. A hot meal was served and prepared by the Aux. Several who helped did double duty, working and bowling.

members. And speaking about the Imperial section. Do you know what they have done and done? No? Well I'll tell you what they've done and done. They have purchased a piano and it is a beauty in looks and in sound. That's not all. They have donated it to the Branch as a goodwill gesture. We have been without a piano upstairs for some time and so they looked around and were able to get this one. That's darn decent of you fellows and we thank you most sincerely for your generosity and your continued support of the Branch.

Bad Hill is home from hospital in Toronto and we were pleased to see him around. Tom Clarke has had his operation and is coming along fine and hoping to be home this week. We hope so. Lloyd Sedore visits our sick comrades in hospital each day. Thanks a lot Lloyd we appreciate your thoughtfulness and you should be on our sick committee along with Art

and several are on shifts and many are older and have done their share in the past years. We all do our fair share when asked. No, we don't join just to go into sports, as we have sports by-laws which state the amount of work we should do before we can enter sports and also we have to pay dues each year and be paid up before we can participate. The L.A. give to burials and many veteran's children have benefitted from the ladies generosity. We contribute to many sources as our by-laws permit but most of all they are a tremendous help to the branch in giving thousands of dollars to them over the years, accomplished by work, not sports.

Although we enter only four events, the branch have over 10 to avail themselves of. Many of our members don't participate in any sports but those that do find it is a pleasant day to be out and away to other Legions. If we win and are able to go on further to regional or provincial, that's an added bonus. If we host a tournament it's a little extra work but we have capable sports officers (Branch Hazel Dumper; Regional, Rita Rudiger) who can organize things with little or no fuss and the branch members usually are first to lend a helping hand and do it willingly. It's a combined effort between Aux. and branch to make our Legion the finest any where around.

If you are interested in becoming an Auxiliary member get in touch with membership chairman Edna Rippon or president of the L.A., Jan Emmerson or her executive and they will be pleased to tell you all about the Ladies Auxiliary to Branch 120. Perhaps in time I'll be more active. Right now I'm busy working for the branch. Think it over ladies, you'll enjoy it. Sorry that we couldn't attend the dance last Saturday but those I spoke to said it was a terrific evening and the "Group of 4" were simply great. They played all types of music which suited everyone and the crowd mixed well. A good many members were out and it is hoped we can get "Group" back again real soon. This coming Friday and

Saturday we will have Pete Edge in the lounge on the 13 and Boots Hurren on the 14. These are both D.J.'s and popular with the crowd. Hope to see you out with your valentine this weekend.

Our curlers are away this weekend to Kinzington where they are going out in provincial championships. We extend our best wishes to Harve Chappel, Pat Chamberlain, Dunc Moneyenny, Gord Campbell and Ken Nash. We know they will do their best for the legion whose crest they proudly wear and Branch 120 which they represent. No matter how they wind up, it's our members, our friends and comrades and we think they are the greatest.

Monday, Feb. 9 begins, the first night of the 4-H Home-making Club. If you wish to join you still have time. Call Mrs. Jane Kirby at 877-4809 and ask for particulars. This unit is called "A touch of stitchery." Sounds like fun. Ages 12-26 accepted.

For your listening and dancing pleasure our member, organist Fred Bootle is playing Friday and Saturday nights—6:30 to 10—during the dinner hour at the village inn in Orangeville. Try to catch him some evening.



LADIES AUXILIARY BOWLING CHAMPIONS at the tournament held this past Saturday at Georgetown Bowl were none other than Georgetown's own "C" team consisting of (from left to right) Marg Rayner, captain, Marian Carney, Anne Nicholson, Charlene MacCormack, Barbara Burns and Dot Day.

Lorusso with Frank Martin were second place winners, missing first place by 1/2 point. They will be going to Sudbury on March 6 to compete in provincial finals and Trev says that provincials are 'open' so our second team of Earl Emond, Walter Blehn, George

only that but they are second also. Onkville are third (thinking if Georgetown had stayed home, we'd be 1st) while Acton placed fourth and, no doubt, were thinking the same thing about the team of them. Our 'C' team were the

I spoke briefly to Graham Payne on Saturday and he has let me know that he has four fishing trips planned for later on. These are good outings and looked forward to with great anticipation. Graham has two trips lined up for the branch members and two for Imperial

Stamp. Steve Hillier is bedding his time at present, waiting results of recent tests. Andy Syme entering hospital this Sunday in Toronto. News flash! Tom Clark is home. Getting back to the Imperial section again for a minute, I forgot to mention that ways

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