

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Nov. 12, 1942.

When the final bell went on the Third Victory Loan, again Acton and Halton, as well as Canada as a whole, had done more than was asked of them. Acton was just \$1,000 down from its objective when the Canadian Legion decided to donate the whole of their building fund, which had been earmarked to repair their quarters. These renovations will now wait until the end of the war. The men who have been in the front lines know how to hold the home line, too.

St. Alban's Anglican Church was the setting for a pretty autumn wedding Saturday when Mary Kathleen, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Chapman, became the bride of Sgt. Robert William Pfaff, R.C.A.F. Guelph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pfaff of Mount Forest.

The church of the Crusaders, Toronto, was decorated with mums Saturday for the marriage of Beatrice Laura, youngest daughter of Mrs. B. Taylor of Acton, to Arthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Roy of Toronto.

Education Week had several features in connection with school life in Acton and not the least of these was the Parents' Night at the school on Tuesday. In spite of winter's first blizzard that came when parents and children were going to the school, there was a good attendance and keen interest shown.

A Halloween social was held by the Dublin Literary Society at their meeting Friday evening. Prizes for best costumes went to Molly Curtis, Dorothy Frank, McAvy, Breen, Mrs. A. McIsaac, Mrs. H. Burkholder and Cleada Britton. Judges were Mrs. G. Wallace, Mrs. Kennedy and Mr. Jordan.

Tuesday night was regular council meeting for Acton council but proceedings were not held in the council chambers. Council was relegated to Chief Harrop's cramped office while the Navy League packed Christmas parcels for the boys overseas in the council chambers. The war effort sure comes first in Acton.

Swamps are well filled. Winter could have started any time since September, according to the old predictions that winter does not come until the swamps are full. A largely attended meeting in Milton last week, it was decided to launch a drive in every school section for scrap iron, scrap steel and scrap rubber the week of November 16. Acton is to be taken at once.

50 Years Ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Nov. 7, 1912.

The post office department is asking for tenders for another rural route mail delivery in Acton. This route will proceed to the fifth line, thence to the town line between Exquising and Erin, across to the sixth and up to Brisbane, thence to the fourth and down to the town line, over to the third and back to Acton. The route will cover a large area between Acton and Ballinatal and northward. It entails a daily drive of 25 miles.

Last Thursday, the workmen at the Finlanders' construction camp on the line of the new Canadian Northern electric road, on the Harvey farm, west of town, had put in a blasting charge of dynamite in the rock cutting which failed to explode, as expected. Two of the men went up to examine the fuse and when near the charge, the lingering explosion took place. Both men received painful injuries. One has his scalp badly lacerated. The other sustained a badly contused face, having been struck by small pieces of flying rock.

By special order of the Municipal Council, a reward of \$25 is offered for evidence which will lead to the apprehension of the parties guilty of tampering with and destroying a number of the electric street lamps and globes and stealing others. The malicious depredation took place on Halton night after the current was turned off at midnight. Four of the new globes were wantonly smashed and nearly 30 of the street lights. Detectives are on the track of the destructive fiends. This is an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for two years.

If you are over 21 years of age and under 60, you are liable to the payment of \$100 poll tax, if not otherwise contributing to the municipal exchequer. Tax Collector Harvey has his eye on you.

The presidential election this week in the United States, has been the greatest political upheaval in the history of the nation. Mr. Woodrow Wilson is the decisive choice of the people for their next president. Mr. Roosevelt was defeated six to one and Mr. Taft, 20 to one.

Postmaster Matthews received last week a preliminary sheet of plans of the ground floor of the new federal building to be erected here. It is commodious and the comfort and convenience of both staff and customers have been of prime consideration. The new building will be located 10 feet back from both Mill and Willow Streets.

Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL BAILEY

Now that the big shooting match of the century appears to be postponed, perhaps we can turn our attention to a more personal type of shooting that is no less lethal, but a lot more fun for all concerned. I refer to hunting.

Each fall, I like to print some of the tips on hunting safety, especially for the reassurance of the wives. But I haven't had the nerve to do it for the last three years. Why? Because the last time I produced a safe-hunting column, there were some rather peculiar results. One fellow shot another fellow out of a tree, taking him for a partridge. Don't ask me what this bird was doing up a tree. Probably taking a bead on another hunter who, that same year, shot two more hunters out of a canoe, claiming they were moose. Hunters may lack a few of the finer things, but there's nothing wrong with their imagination.

However, I think a decent interval has passed, and humanitarian instincts drive me to make one more attempt to preserve the human species while it is attempting to extinguish a few other species. Here goes, and every man for himself.

The first and foremost rule of the bush is: never mix alcohol and gunpowder. Just use ginger ale, coke or whatever your normal mixer is.

Before you start off on a hunting trip, look down the barrel of your gun to make sure nothing has built a nest in it since last year. If you can't see through the barrel, put in a shell and fire the gun. This usually removes any obstacles. It sometimes removes the head of the hunter as well, but that's neither here nor there. It's probably a little of both.

Always have your gun loaded

Let's Play Bridge

By Bill Coals

The second meeting of the Acton Bridge Club had 20 keen bridge players in attendance. Again, most of the players were from Georgetown. I hope some more Acton bridge players will come out to give them competition.

Last week I showed a hand which produced a different result each time it was played. This week's hand was played in the same suit everytime but still four different results were obtained.

Dealer—North.
East-West Vulnerable.

North		East	
S—K 5 3	S—	H—A Q 10 4	H—
H—9 8 6	H—	D—J 9 6 5	D—
D—A 3	D—	C—K 9 6 3 2	C—
C—A 10 7 5	C—		

Everyone played this hand in spades. Two pairs played the hand at four spades by north down one. Another pair bid four spades and made an overtrick. Still another pair stopped a three spades and made five. This pair got a better score than the two who bid four and went down.

Last week's winners were the luckiest pair though they got doubled in three spades and made it for top score. I wish my opponents would double me in contracts like that.

Some people would open north hand with a preemptive bid (three bids). The hand is too strong for this move, although it does not appear too strong in high cards, north's hand is a real two and a half spade bid. Too strong for two spades and not strong enough for three. A four spade bid is called for. I would suggest a two heart bid. After two spades by north south can go three. Now it depends on how much nerve north has. According to the results, three out of five went to four. Two of these how ever didn't follow up their five bidding by accurate play.

Since the spade king is an sick a trump, these three can hold the losers to three. This assures that the hearts are guessed correctly.

Which column for for the hands and results from the Acton Bridge Club.

Let's then remember that Bridge is a partnership game.

This week's winners: first, Mr. Warren and Mr. Sargent, second, Mr. Coals and Mrs. Kay Campbell, third, Mr. and Mrs. Norris.

SHE WAS GLAD
A hunter was telling his wife all about his encounter with a Bengal tiger and how he finally shot it.

"Yes," he wound up, "it was a case of the tiger or myself." She looked at him proudly. "I'm so glad it was the tiger," she said otherwise, "I shouldn't have had this lovely rug for a present."

when driving to the hunting grounds. If there's a collision and they can't cut you out of the wreckage, you can always shoot your way out. Besides, you'll get a real belly-laugh out of the look on the driver's face when he hits a bump, the gun goes off, and he has suddenly acquired a no-top convertible.

You may find you have to climb a fence when you get there. A lot of hunters are killed trying to get through, or over, a fence while carrying their guns. Don't take chances. Grasp your gun firmly by the barrel, take a short run, and sail neatly over, using the musket as a vaulting pole.

Now, how do we carry the gun? It should be held in the right hand, the barrel pointing toward the ground. And, of course, you always carry it with the safety catch off, in case you have to get a quick shot away. If the gun is held in this way, and you stumble over a root, you'll merely shoot off a toe. If you held it with the barrel pointing up, you might shoot your head off. And losing a toe, especially that one that's had an ingrown nail for years, is much preferable to losing one's head. Ask anyone who's done both.

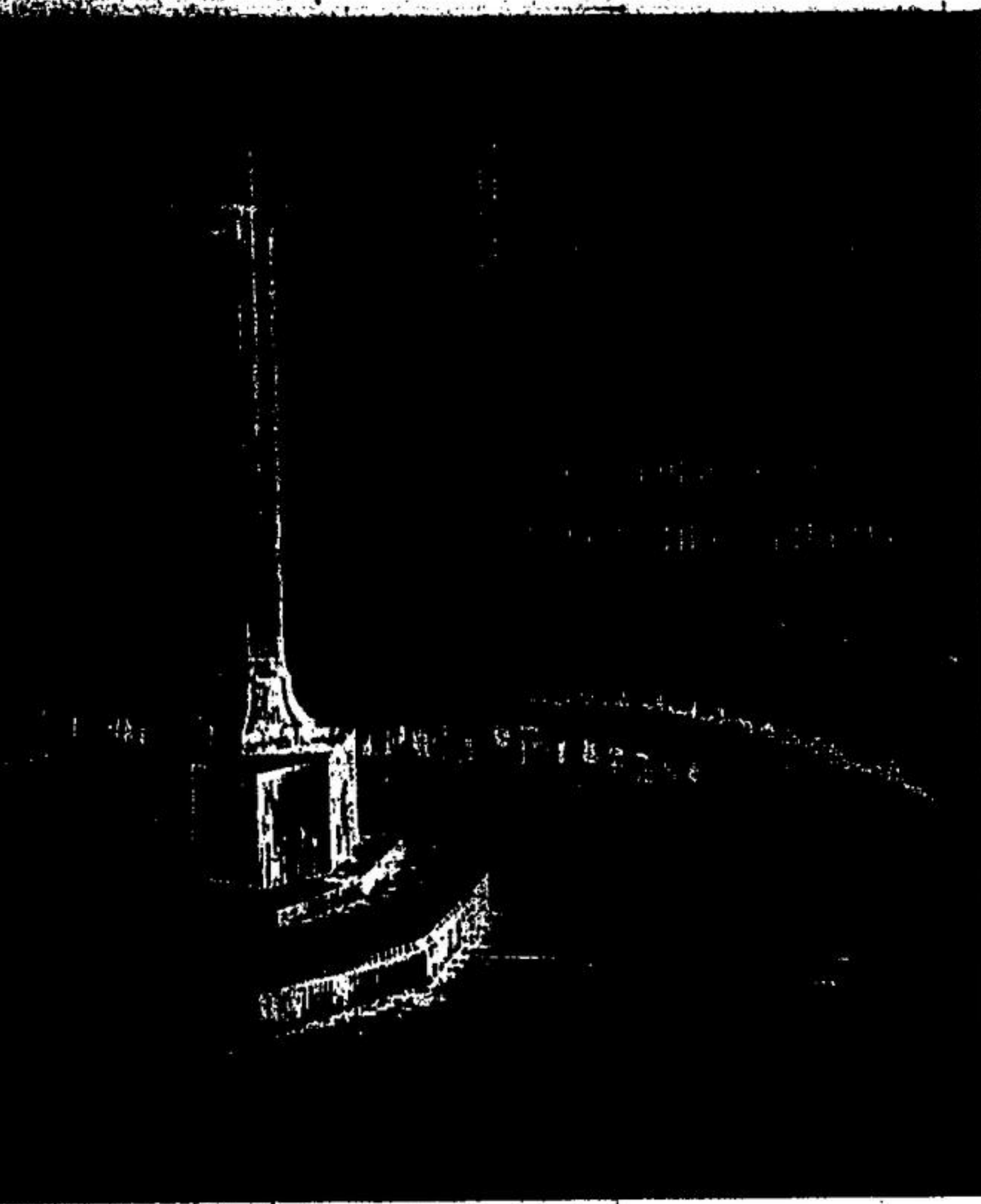
Don't wait till you see the whites of their eyes. If something moves in the bush, blaze away. It might be another hunter, but there's an even chance it's a partridge or a deer. Or a farmer.

It's old-fashioned to wear bright red clothing in the bush. Statistics show that 98 per cent

of the hunters who have been shot in the past 10 years were clad in red garments. So why not wear something that blends with the bush? You can sneak up on the quarry that much easier, and there's a fair chance you can sneak past the other hunters, without being spotted. If they do see you, get away your shot first, then drop to the ground and let them bang away. They'll go home happy, telling everyone about the big buck they missed.

If you happen to become lost in the bush, don't panic. Just run in circles as hard as you can, screaming at the top of your lungs and firing your gun as fast as you can. When you have run out of breath and ammunition, sit down quietly and take stock of the situation. If the stock-taking shows the shelves to be pretty bare, there's one solution. It works best if there's a good, stiff breeze. Just gather some birch bark, pile it in a clump of dry brush and start a roaring bush fire. When the firefighters arrive, you are no longer lost.

One last word of caution. When you bag your first hunter, don't brag about it. It just isn't done, to hunting circles. Don't even allow yourself a small smirk of satisfaction as you carve that first notch in your gun. After all, there's nothing so unusual about your feat. Anyone can shoot a hunter. And quite a few do.



Will We Remember?...

Will we remember on Sunday, November 11, 1962 the events that led to marking that day as one of remembrance?

And will we in our efforts to remember, take time to pay a brief tribute to the cenotaph or will we overlook that event as something outdated?

And will we take the time and trouble to explain to those of the succeeding generation just what we are remembering and what tribute we are paying, that they may know something of the sacrifice made and of which they reap a benefit?

Yes, Sunday, November 11 is a day of remembering.

Forty-four years ago Britain's Prime Minister David Lloyd George read to the hustled House of Commons the terms of the armistice agreement by which the World War had at last been brought to an end. When he finished he said only:

"This is no time for words."

In the intervening years, on successive Armistice and Remembrance Days there has

been a plethora of words, in which over and over again we have earnestly assured the millions who died that they had not died in vain. One could perhaps be forgiven for suggesting that the record of the past forty-four years would bring little comfort to the dead, who perhaps would sooner sleep undisturbed by all these pious affirmations of good faith.

Mankind's victories, however, have never been easy ones, especially those won over his own nature. The war to end war did not end on November 11, 1918, nor with V-J Day in 1945. The struggle is still with us, and will be with us for years to come.

On solemn days like Sunday, November 11 it is not the words that count, but the fact mankind remembers and pledges anew a fresh dedication to keep faith with all those who in the past have both lived and died to make man's ancient dream of peace come true.

Will we remember?

A North Halton Dream...

A cause without dedication has little hope of success. That same cause with dedication and determination can seemingly overcome untold obstacles.

We mused on this this week as our thoughts turned to the official opening Saturday of the new school for retarded children located at Hornby. The Sunshine School operated by the North Halton Association for Retarded Children, is the result of what can be accomplished when those who pursue a goal do so with a good measure of determination and faith in the possibility that it can become a reality.

The new \$48,000 school has been a dream in the minds of those workers who initiated the original school who watched enrollment grow, who saw the fruits of patient labor with those who can be helped. It has taken faith and perseverance in meeting unexpected obstacles and in administering restricted budgets.

But on Saturday who would say it was not all worth it?

The new school did not find its creation in some government department or tax sponsored organization. More than \$30,000 was raised by public subscription, and through innumerable fundraising projects. A \$5,000 mortgage is still outstanding and the balance came from government support.

But the challenge has not been totally met with the opening of the new Sunshine School.

The work with the retarded continues day after day and year after year. And as those years go on students can remain at the school only until they are 18. What happens

to them then? Sheltered workshops are one possibility where the student may continue crafts and a measure of usefulness that might otherwise be impossible. There is a challenge too, in the area of pre-school service that has yet to be dealt with by the local association. Undoubtedly if the same dedication and perseverance continue in the members of the association, accomplishments in these other areas may also materialize.

On hand Sunday were visitors from distant points like Collingwood, Newmarket, Hamilton, Kitchener and other places. They came to rejoice in the culmination of the North Halton dream of a new school for retarded children.

Value of Cowardice...

While the Russians are keeping the West uneasy with their threats of atomic warfare, it is more than likely that as much uneasiness is being generated by the West on the farther side of the Iron Curtain. It is profitable to recall a remark of Dr. Johnson in 1778, when the French were enemies of the British and there were tears in England of a French invasion.

One gentleman having remarked after a visit to Dunkirk that the French had the same fears of the English, Dr. Johnson said: "It is thus that equal cowardice keeps us in peace."

Were one-half of mankind brave and one-half cowards, the brave would always be beating the cowards. Were it brave they would lead a very uneasy life all week. The cowards, fighting but being in cowards, we go on very well.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

BURLINGTON—A portion of Burlington's history, the old "town bell" which was first used in 1894 and for many years has been stored away and almost forgotten, has been unearthed by William Gilbert. He hopes to have it permanently mounted on the library grounds, and has started a fund to raise the \$1,500 cost of the project.

GEORGETOWN—A proposed Ninth Line dam is definitely slated on the Credit Valley Conservation Authority's program for the future, but it may take 15 to 20 years, Georgetown's dam, to cost about \$1,114,000, comes after other projects planned for four other towns in the watershed.

TORONTO TOWNSHIP—Council refused the resignations of two councillors last week, and gave both men a vote of confidence. The men submitted resignations when they discovered they had mad verbatim breached the Municipal Act by holding dealings with the township.

WATERLOO—Temper flared and charges of "bar" were hurled around the council chambers Wednesday evening of last week when council called a special meeting to discuss a "disagreement" between a councillor and the village clerk.

MILTON—A modern, fully automated concrete block plant with a capacity of 10,000 blocks per year, will be constructed by Milton Block Co. Ltd. on the company's lands near Milton. The plant will operate all year round.

Urges all Complete Polio Shots After Study of Sabin Vaccine

Halton M.P. Dr. Harry Harley recently made a plea to Canadians to complete their polio immunization program using the Salk vaccine injection method. His statement outlined the results of the recent Sabin oral polio immunization.

Following is the text of that statement: "As everyone is aware, Sabin's vaccine against poliomyelitis has been withdrawn from use in Canada. For cases of poliomyelitis were diagnosed after the use of the vaccine, varying from 17 to 48 days after the vaccine was taken. Approximate four million doses had been used, giving an incidence of one case for every one million doses.

In Canada the vaccine in use is combined that is, it protects against poliomyelitis types I, II and III. The cases of poliomyelitis were all caused by type III virus, whereas usually in the natural disease type I is by far commonest.

In the USA they used the oral vaccine much more extensively, and they also found the same proportion as we did, namely one case after one million doses. Almost all cases again were associated with virus type III. These cases in the USA, after Sabin's vaccine were much com-

moner in adults while in Canada this is not true, although it is hard to judge on the basis of fair cases.

The following recommendations were made in the United States of America:

1. Type III vaccine be limited to children and to only adults with a high risk such as during an epidemic. In an epidemic, the risk of the natural disease is 200 in one million, the risk of the vaccine as we said is one in a million.

2. Type I and type II oral vaccines usage be continued for all age groups.

In Canada's experience those people who had previously received the full dosage of Salk vaccine, the needles were able to take the oral vaccine with no risk. No cases of polio developed after oral vaccine in those people previously immunized by injection.

Therefore, it is strongly recommended that people complete their immunization against polio (the Salk vaccine injection method) until more knowledge of the oral route is obtained. The oral route should eventually be more effective because its immunity is more permanent while the immunity produced by the injected vaccine is not lasting and requires repeated boosters.

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