

## Norval Dam



WATER BUSINESS over an old dam on the Credit River just north of Highway 7 at Norval. The valley of the Credit is a beautiful place in springtime, and a scenic spot for a Sunday afternoon drive.

### The Need is Urgent . . .

Canada is one of the leading nations in the totality of its effort against cancer. This disease ranks second as a cause of death in our nation. Perhaps nowhere in the world is our effort in the fight against this disease being duplicated.

This year there will be an estimated 45,500 new cases of cancer in Canada. Last year, 24,800 Canadians died of cancer, 365 of whom were under ten years of age.

The Canadian Cancer Society volunteers are keenly aware of these sober statistics. They lead the world in their consciousness of the necessity for regular health check-ups. This is the only method that will permit early diagnosis and save lives. This Society is an army of men and women working together as volunteers under a common banner.

Founded in 1938, as a lay organization with the blessing of the Canadian Medical Association, it helps to educate the public

regarding the nature of the disease. It claims today the full support of the Canadian people in its broad, three-pronged program of education, welfare, and the support of cancer research.

The fact that the Cancer Society has consistently met its rising campaign objective for 15 years is evidence of the concern felt by the people of Canada in this disease and the faith they have in the Society to fight it.

Supported directly by funds from the Cancer Society are 200 scientists and technicians at work on 117 separate projects in 21 laboratories and universities across the country.

This April, \$2,000,000 must be raised in Ontario to support the rapidly growing needs of this research, plus the broad education and welfare service programs without which there would be needless death and suffering.

The need for this money is as real and as urgent as any need on earth today.

### But Who Cares . . . ?

There is currently a good deal of official concern at all levels of government about the amount of money that Canadians as individuals are borrowing to finance consumer purchases; and there is just as much concern on the related question of whether Canadians as individuals are fully aware of what it costs them to borrow money.

It would be a fine thing if all our politicians were as concerned with the extent and cost of public borrowing. Some are, of course. An example is a Toronto alderman, a Mr. David Rotenberg, who recently attempted — without success, it should be noted — to have his city save the sizable sum it costs to borrow the money to pay for repair of sidewalks.

"About half a dozen years ago," Toronto Star columnist Ron Haggart writes on the case, "when the city began a massive program of rebuilding its sidewalks, it was decided to pay for the program with money borrowed on five-year notes. This was a curious decision, since the extent of the rebuilding job, a quarter-of-a-million dollars a year at first, now up to a million dollars a year, was well within the ability of the city to pay from current taxes."

"But there were advantages. In the first few years. In the first year of this program the city got its sidewalks rebuilt for nothing, since the instalments on the borrowed money didn't start until the year following the work.

The second year, the city got a great mass of sidewalk work done for almost nothing since all that had to be handled in the second year was a small amount of repayment and interest on the first year's work.

"The advantages are illusory, of course, because a million-dollar project paid-for with money borrowed on five-year notes still costs a million dollars, plus \$216,000 in interest. There must eventually come a time when the taxpayers of Toronto will be paying more each year for the rebuilding of their sidewalks than they are getting done each year in work. In 1969, for example, the city will do \$625,000 worth of sidewalk work, but the taxpayers in that same year will cough up \$1,700,000. 'Who are we kidding?' Alderman Rotenberg asked."

The story is unusual, really, only in that the alderman made a point of trying to impress on the voters the cost of public borrowing.

### Editorial Briefs . . .

If you don't think things are as bad as they are painted, visit a modern art exhibit. —Galt Evening Reporter.

One trouble with portable TV is that you can take it with you. —Pocomoke City (Md.) Worcester Democrat.

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS

### 20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, March 30, 1944.

Acton and community were indeed shocked to learn of the sudden passing away of J. C. Matthews at his home on Bower Ave. late Tuesday evening. For nearly 25 years, he has been the obliging and efficient postmaster in Acton post office. For several years previous to his appointment, he was assistant postmaster under his father, the late James Matthews. A gloom was cast over the community when the word was passed about.

He was born of a pioneer family in Acton. Ten years ago, he married Mrs. Ada Ostrander, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Kerr, Acton. Their home on Bower Avenue has been a most happy and bright one and they, with their daughter, Mrs. J. W. Wolfe, made it one of the beauty spots of the community.

The Matthews family had a unique and unparalleled association with Acton post office. The first post office was opened in Acton in 1844 and Robert Swan, an uncle of James Matthews, was the postmaster. He held the office until 1853 and was succeeded by James, who was postmaster until 1925. He died at the age of 90. No other postmaster in America held the position for as long a time — 72 years. He was succeeded by J. Chester Matthews, who has held the position for 19 years.

The Matthews family, of which Chester was the last member, were pioneers in the community. It was in 1845 that the Matthews, Moore, Nicklin and Lavvys came here from Pilkington township. Of the descendants of these families, one member of the Lavvys family still resides in Acton.

The funeral was one of the largest ever held here. The auditorium and galleries of the United Church were filled. Rev. A. W. Foshury was assisted by a former pastor, Rev. C. L. Poole. Honorary pallbearers were Messrs. R. R. Arnold, A. T. Brown, Thomas Watson, Dr. W. G. Cullen, C. Leishman, D. N. McTavish, F. Maddock of Toronto, postmaster R. Clement of Milton, postmaster Cousins and Mayor Cleary of Georgetown. Active pallbearers were Masonic brethren and two nephews, C. A. G. Matthews and E. G. Maddock of Toronto; C. H. Harrison, Toronto; A. Mason, Wm. Middleton and G. A. Dills, Acton. Interment was in Fairview cemetery.

### 50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, April 2, 1914.

As an outcome of the introduction of the parcel post system, the Post Office department will soon have a supply of larger boxes or rural mail delivery. The present box is too small for anything but letters. A contract has been let for the manufacture of 100,000 of these boxes.

The latest styles were exhibited by our local milliners at their openings. The work is beautiful, the material rich, the colorings pretty and spring-like; but the styles — strictly down to date — but oh, my!

Housecleaning time and with it comes moving stoves and had tempers generally.

Mr. S. Cordiner is putting the finishing touches on a new two-storey cement house on Mill St. He intends moving into it himself.

Mr. John Cameron, architect, is just completing the plans and specifications for a fine new brick residence of 10 rooms for Mr. James Symon. The new building is to be erected on Mr. Symon's splendid property on the corner of Willow St. and Bower Ave. It will probably be built this summer.

The Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society met in the church parlour and had an old-fashioned quilting. About 50 ladies were present. Six warm and beautiful quilts were finished ready for their annual sale in September. Mr. David Henderson, M.P. and Mrs. Henderson, who were up from Ottawa, and Rev. J. C. Wilson were guests of the ladies at the tea hour.

Sunday evening, Mrs. William Somerville, Park Avenue, noticed through the window, a horse trampling over the sidewalk. She ran out to drive the animal off and raised her apron to scare it away. The horse wheeled in an instant and led drive his hind feet with a vicious kick.

She was struck a wicked blow and rendered unconscious. Mr. Somerville went to the door to see what was keeping her and was horrified to observe her lying moaning on the lawn. Dr. Lake reached the home in a few minutes and administered to her injuries. She is progressing favorably but the shock was a very trying one to her system.

## Sugar and Spice . . .

BY BILL BRAY

I'm going to punch right on the nose the next person, be it man, woman, child or nice old lady whose bones are as brittle as soda crackers, who asks me, "Did you have a nice Easter holiday?"

Some school teachers have a nice Easter holiday and good luck to them. But English teachers are not among them.

English teachers have the same sort of holiday as bus drivers would have if he were given a week off and told he was to drive a bus from Halifax to Vancouver in the next seven days.

When the holidays began, I had examination papers to mark which represented a total of about 460 student writing hours. (They could have produced the works of Shakespeare in the same time.) This, in turn, means that I have about 100 hours of marking time.

No complaints. It's part of the job. But things were a little more complicated this year. The women of the house came down with flu just as the "holidays" began.

### Let's Play Bridge

By Bill Coals

It's not too often that a grand slam is bid and made in rubber bridge. The same is true at duplicate. Last week, on board No. 5, a grand slam was bid and made by two declarers and a small slam bid was made with two other declarers.

A discussion arose as to whether the hand could be made with a helpful lead. I'll show you the North-South hands and see how you plan your play.

North  
S-O 10  
H-A Q 7 6 3  
D-A 8  
C-O 10 6 4

South  
S-A J 9  
H-Void  
D-K Q J 9 6 3  
C-A K 7 2

Let's assume that the lead by West is trump. You count your tricks:

—spades one  
—hearts one  
—diamonds six  
—clubs four.

That's a total of 12. Where is the 13th one to come from? Any one can make the hand if the spade finesse works. Here is where a good declarer looks for an extra chance.

There are three entries to dummy — one in trump and two in clubs. Let's see what can be done in the heart suit. Take the trump lead in dummy and lead the heart three and ruff. Take out trump. Play the ace and king of clubs and if they split (they do) lead to the queen of clubs.

Now ruff the heart six. Now over to the club 10. Play the ace of hearts and throw a spade. If the king of hearts falls, you throw another spade on the heart queen. If the king of hearts doesn't fall, you are still in dummy and can try the spade finesse.

Here are all the hands. Let's see if it worked.

North  
S-O 10  
H-A Q 7 6 3  
D-A 8  
C-O 10 6 4

West East  
S-K 8 7 6 5 E-4 3 2  
H-K 10 5 H-J 9 8 4 2  
D-7 4 D-10 5 2  
C-J 8 5 C-9 3

South  
S-A J 9  
H-Void  
D-K Q J 9 6 3  
C-A K 7 2

The spade finesse does not work, whereas the heart king can be captured. Always look for an extra play that will give better than a 50-50 chance on a finesse.

This week's winners: first, Earl Emmond, Mike Lorusso; second, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hooper; third, Kay Campbell, Duke Wilson.

### Robin Hood?

A recent proposal by Halton's M.P. Harry Harley, would have wealthy and "well fixed" pensioners sign away their monthly cheques to humanitarian organizations.

Dr. Harley's proposal is incorporated in his draft "private member's bill". If his idea is carried through, cheques would be marked so that the "well-to-dos" could have it transferred to a worthy fund.

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

**BRAMPTON** — A Brampton resident, Edward Butt of Bristol Rd., has strong feelings toward the need for a "truly Canadian flag". Mr. Butt flies a distinctive red, white and green flag on his rooftop and explains, "The Union Jack is a British flag and the Red Ensign is the flag of the British merchant marine. The children's school insisted on flying the Red Ensign I would feel obliged to send them to school in sailor outfits."

**GEORGETOWN** — A predicted two mill drop in the 1964 tax rate, a chief plank in Mayor Joe Gibbons' election platform, will occur. But taxpayers learned there will be no increase in residential taxes which remain, as last year, at 75.46 mills. There will be a slight drop to 83.27 mills for industrial and commercial properties from the 1963 rate of 83.45 mills.

**BURLINGTON** — Mrs. Donna Lancaster of Mt. Forest Dr. was named queen of the supermarket cashiers in all of Canada. Mrs. Lancaster was chosen by a board of judges meeting in Chicago to review candidates from 4,000 supermarkets in the United States and Canada for the International Checker of the Year Awards sponsored by Supermarket Institute and the National Cash Register Company.

**OAKVILLE** — During the warm summer months, Oakville's swimming pool was a very popular spot, with more than 31,000 paid admissions in 1963. The pool, under the direction of the Oakville Recreation Committee, is an important part of the summer programs planned by the committee. During the summer, more than 3,000 local children will participate in playground programs each day.

**MILTON** — A new award for local citizens who do good for the town was inaugurated recently by the Milton Chamber of Commerce. Chamber president Gordon Whelan explained the monthly award is a "Merit of the Month" for one who does something worthwhile for the benefit of the citizens. Town works foreman Bruce McKerr received the first "merit" in recognition of his work in keeping the streets free from snow during the winter. The award was a tie and socks set.

### Ballinafad Women's Institute . . .

(Continued from Page B1) given at the Manor by a band connected with Masonic Order. W. Crockett was the genial and competent Master of Ceremonies and W. Waters was the very capable conductor. The band concert was made possible through the facilities of the Music Performance Trust Fund of the Recording Industry and was sponsored by the Hamilton Musicians' Guild.

The program opened and closed with two well-known marches, Through Night to Light and Old Comrades. Several medleys of tuneful and familiar songs were played, one from The Wizard of Oz, one from the Broadway Musical Carousel and one featuring well-known Irish tunes in honor of St. Patrick's Day. The Lysistrata Waltz and Gounod's Mirella Overture represented types of music. A very fine trumpet solo by the police band and Blond was played by J. Huddleston and D. Pasquale. Rogan's Grand Military Tattoo and the hymn Faith of Our Fathers rounded

out this very enjoyable program. The residents would anticipate with pleasure another program by this fine band.

**COSTS BIG**  
"Little" grave and bush fires can mean "big" costs to the taxpayers, points out Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau. Over 300 such fires in Halton last year accounted for nearly one-quarter of all fire calls, and cost the taxpayers over \$50,000. People who burn trash in open incinerators, carelessly toss cigarettes and matches into dry fields or bush; or try burning off dead grass on a windy day, should consider their rising tax bills next time, the Bureau suggests.

**CRIME MONTH**  
Motorists in the North Halton area serviced by Milton O.P.F. had 35 separate accidents during March, which involved 15 persons injured and \$77,895 worth of property damage. The O.P.F. released the figures Wednesday.

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