

BOWLING LEAGUE RUNNERS-UP



—Gene Green, Georgetown

Runners-up for the season in the industrial bowling league, Anderson's team was awarded the Silver trophy and individual cigarette lighters donated by Sid Silver at the recent bowling banquet. Team members, left to right, are Ted Fenning, Ray Robson, captain Bill Anderson, Joe Hall, Jr. and Jack Saunders. Missing when the picture was taken were Bill Avery, Scotty Patterson and Trév Williams.

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• A COUPLE OF WEEKS ago, my friend husband came home at noon hour, luging a large and extremely heavy parcel. It measured about 5" thick, was well over a foot long and more than half a foot across. Curiosity prompted the family to open it before the meal began . . . and its contents came as quite a surprise. It was the Credit Valley Conservation Report for 1956 . . . the result of the findings of that big encampment of young men who had their headquarters for quite some time, on the outskirts of Glen Williams the summer before last . . .

There was an article in the Herald two weeks ago dealing with the report when it was presented publicly. I couldn't attempt to do more than tell or give a comprehensive review of the book. It is of tremendous size, one of the reasons being that it has been typed and mimeographed in

double line spacing and of course uses only one side of the paper. But it is a valuable book in many ways. Incidentally there were only 165 copies of the report prepared. I delved into it just out of curiosity at first. But the pictures, or I should say the photographs were so interesting and so good that I started reading his here and there . . .

Then it wasn't long before I found myself reading the whole section devoted to history. This had been included to serve as a backdrop to all the conservation problems of the watershed "to compel the reader to understand the abuses of the past and the need for a diversified program in the future." Later I may get around to the gleanings from the other sections under the five general headings of Land Use, Forestry, Water, Wildlife and Recreation . . . no connection between the last two . . .

• I THINK THOSE OF MY readers who are at all interested in local history might enjoy some excerpts from the book. I know I learned many interesting things I hadn't known before. For instance, the naming of the townships in Hamilton was discussed. They delved into the writings of Augustus Jones and his son Rev. Peter Jones in 1792 to discover that the Sixteen Mile Creek on the north shore (Oakville Creek) had the Indian name Nassagaweya, meaning "Two Outlets" or "having two mouths." Augustus Jones gives "Esquesing" as the name of both Twelve Mile Creeks, and translates it "fast out," while Peter Jones gives "That which lies at the end" as the meaning of Esquesing, without actually saying that it was the name of a river. As a boy, he follows "Esquesing" with "Nassagaweya" and both with "Chinguacousy" which he translates as Young Pine River; he was probably naming the creeks of the north shore. He says that Chinguacousy was pronounced "Shing-wan-kooos-see-bee," "see-bee" being a common Ojibway word for a river or creek . . .

The report goes on to say that Augustus Jones called the Credit "Mes-sin-ke" a translation of its French name, but there was no doubt the Rev. Peter Jones regarded "Chinguacousy" as one name for the River Credit, and it seems that Chinguacousy Township was named after the Credit . . .

RECEIVES PRIZE AT GRADUATION

With her graduation diploma, Miss Marjorie Warne, Acton, received a special prize at the Women's College hospital graduation ceremonies in Convocation Hall Monday evening. Friends and family from Acton cheered with pride as Miss Warne accepted the Margaret Pennell Baldwin award for the best all round girl in the class of 99. The winner of the \$50 award was chosen by the girls themselves . . .

Spaker at the graduation ceremony was Dr. Marion Hilliard. The superintendent of the hospital, Miss Dorothy Macham, presented the diplomas. The hospital auxiliary had presented corsages to all the graduates . . .

Miss Warne, whose home is in R. R. 2, Acton, went in training after leaving Acton high school and has been in Toronto three years. She finishes her training there in September, and may go to Waterloo to nurse afterwards . . .

Attending the graduation were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Warne, sisters Mrs. Ken Allen, Miss Vera Warne, Miss Peter Binne and her daughter Sandra, a brother Roy Warne, Mr. and Mrs. Don Matthews, Mrs. Alfred Long, Mrs. Garnet Winters and Mr. Bill Bell . . .

PASSES SECOND YEAR COURSE IN PHARMACY

Bill MacCormack, who will spend the summer working with his father in their drug store, has successfully completed his second year course in Pharmacy at the University of Toronto . . .

Bill's results were excellent and he stood ninth in his class this year . . .

picture of what we still call the "Low or Mill" the caption runs that "The Barber's built their first mills at Georgetown about 1837, but it was in the fifties that they converted their woolen factory into the Credit Paper Mill, after moving a large part of the woolen business to Streetsville. The central stone building housed the paper mill in 1959. James Barber's mansion on the hill to the right was new at that time. I think that must be the Alex MacLaren home now. The paper mill has been moved nearer the railway . . ."

I find that my space is running out and there are still quite a few things I had marked as being of interest. Perhaps next week I can tell you a bit more. It's hard to know where to start and where to stop, there is such a wealth of information . . .

• THE INFORMATION is particularly valuable, having been compiled just before the Credit Valley started on its terrific suburban transformation, in the more southerly sectors, especially which reminds me that I saw Riley Brethour, formerly proprietor of the Georgetown Dairy here, and now a partner in the thriving Brethour and Morris real estate firm in Toronto, being interviewed on television over the Hamilton station last Friday afternoon, shortly before five. Brethour and Morris have just opened a billion dollar subdivision "Elizabeth Gardens" in the southern end of the county, now known as part of the "Platinum Rainbow." . . .

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• AS FOR ESQUESING Township, it is drained in great part by the "Nassagaweya" or Sixteen-Mile Creek, while Nassagaweya Township is largely drained by the "Esquesing" or "Twelve Mile." The report claims this curious reversal to be due to men named Maitland and Hillier, rather than to the council of the period, most of whom would have been familiar with the order of the creeks . . . I had never been aware of this error in naming the townships . . .

The report also mentions too that traces of pre-Iroquoian civilizations have been found along the Credit, the natives having been attracted by the abundance of salmon and deer . . .

As I mentioned earlier, there are some wonderful photographs in the book. They have taken pictures of the oldest churches — "St. Paul's Anglican in Norval, St. Cornelius Roman Catholic in Silver Creek and Limehouse Church to mention a few. The Limehouse Church is mentioned as being built near McCallum's grist mill, the first mill in Esquesing . . .

• THE BOOK MAKES A study too of the first mills and industries to come to the Credit Valley. All the other old landmarks in the Credit Valley towns and villages have been photographed, documented, and included in the book. They observe that in the early days, the distance to a grist mill was the most important factor in determining the value of a lot . . .

Sam Church built the first sawmill on the site of Churchville in 1818, and the history of the mills built on the Credit follows the history of the towns. In 1827 there were 15 sawmills and 9 grist mills running on the power generated by the Credit . . .

• THERE IS AN EXCELLENT photo of the Barber Brothers' paper mill here. Under the

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