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... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

Not An Old Man's Game

Sometimes it is said that lawn bowling is an old man's game. It is. But it is just as much a young man's game, as any member of the bowling club will be pleased to show you if you stop in at the club house one of these fine summer nights. Surprising as it may seem, bowling club membership has not increased at Georgetown has grown, in fact the reverse has happened and membership has been dwindling. Golf has been some to blame, for most men haven't the time to participate in both sports. Others, who might be potential bowlers maybe have never been approached and hardly realize the fun they are missing. It is a sport which requires no expensive equipment, which has a reasonable membership fee, and besides the sociability on the local green there are plenty of tournaments if one cares to travel out of town, and plenty of social nights when the game ends with a lunch.

There is history involved too in the bowling club. Did you know that the clubhouse is one of Georgetown's first buildings — a log cabin which originally stood on the Kennedy homestead in the fourth part of town. To the uninformed, one can compare lawn bowling to curling. It is a game of skill which, to reach the top, takes years of participation, yet a beginner can reach a certain stage of proficiency in a fairly short time so that he does not have the horrors of standing out like a sore thumb when he plays with an experienced group. It is a friendly game, for participants are always in a close radius. The bowling club will be swinging into action in another week or two. They are hoping for more members. Why not stop by some evening, watch over the fence, or make yourself acquainted with some of the players. They'll be glad to show you the fine points of the game.

Quiet Election Forecast

The June 11th election in Ontario looks like one of the quietest which the province will ever see. With a commanding majority and no hot issues on the horizon, even the most partisan politicians in the other two parties can see nothing other than a Conservative return. Liberals and CCF will be concentrating their efforts on some of the ridings where voting last time was close, and in counties like Halton it will be only a token

fight against veteran Stan Hall who has had commanding majorities ever since he entered parliament. That is our prediction, but the fascinating thing about politics is that one can never be sure. The national Conservative sweep last year left many supposedly well-informed commentators with red faces. And there were no particularly large issues at stake that time either.

Welcome Royalty Tomorrow

The closest thing to a royal visit which Georgetown has seen will be the half hour tomorrow when Governor-General Vincent Massey will be the town's guest. Representing as he does, the Queen, Mr. Massey will have a civic welcome, lay a wreath at the cenotaph and get a fleeting glimpse of Main Street before he entrains for Barrie and Camp Borden which he will visit next day. Residents who wish to see the distinguished guest can do so along Queen St., at St. George's Church lawn where the mayor will officially welcome him, or along the parade route up the highway to the cenotaph or down Main Street

hill to the four corners. Those who wish to see the Governor-General's train should be at the station where it is due to arrive at 4.30 p.m. and to depart half an hour later. It will be a day long remembered in town, particularly by schoolchildren who will welcome him en masse on the church grounds. Our childhood memory goes back to Lord Willingdon when he visited Windsor and as a school-boy we greeted him on the lawn of Kennedy Collegiate, and had the good fortune to be close to his car door as the tall distinguished-looking man tried to wave to a cheering throng.

FIVE TEAMS ENTER INDUSTRIAL FASTBALL

Last year's champion fastballers, the Combines, will be missing when components of the Industrial Fastball League get together and start stirring up dust on the local and district diamonds in earnest next Tuesday night. League organizers met in the park Sunday afternoon to iron

out the wrinkles in this season's schedule and out of the parley came a tenant for the slot vacated by the champions. Managed by Max Stafford the Glen Williams club in making a return to industrial ball are expected to be a threat and will be looking to the record chalked up by their hockey counterparts who copped the title in their first year. Norval under manager Harry Hazell, Smith & Stone under manager Jim Timleck, Alliance under

manager Bill Bryden, and Provincial under manager Don Herrington, round out the well balanced league. The games will be played at the park, Norval and in the Glen, starting time 6.30. Jim Ford is the league president and Earl Emond, umpire in chief, will be working the games with Mike Lorusso, Bill Korzack and Jim Bradley. The schedule winds up on August 23rd when the top four teams will start the playoffs.

Controversial Corner
 by Ian Cass

THE PLACE OF ORGANIZED LABOR IN DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

A complete reappraisal of the relationship between organized labour and democratic government becomes more urgent day by day. The ever increasing power vested in the hands of labour leaders has now reached the stage where it can threaten the political structure of this country. It is essential that steps are taken to ensure that the vast power wielded by labour unions and confederations cannot be used irresponsibly, and that the leaders of trade unions are answerable to their members and to the will of the general electorate. Unless such steps are taken very soon we may find ourselves on the verge of anarchy and despotism. The conditions in industry and agriculture which encouraged the birth and original growth of trade unionism; intolerable working conditions, excessively long hours of work and a scale of remuneration which bore no relation whatever to the value of the work done, today no longer exist. That is to say in Canada, generally, they no longer exist; there are of course a few exceptions. In view of this, one would have expected labour disputes, conflicts and strikes to gradually decrease in frequency and intensity as working conditions and wages improved, and that the role of trade unions would finally be a trusteeship to maintain good working conditions, and to ensure an equitable distribution of a fair share of the national income in the form of wages. This situation has not come about. The primary goal of many union leaders in the western world is obviously power — not just power to negotiate a contract on behalf of their members — but sufficient power to cripple the economy of a country or to defy the democratic rights of its people. It would be a tragedy indeed, if labour unions, which arose to combat the greed and avarice of unenlightened employers, should themselves become corrupt and dictatorial through the lust for power of union leaders and the greed of union members. The overwhelming majority vote received by the Conservative party in the last general election makes it quite clear that the people of Canada are in favour of a system of free enterprise. The decision of the CCF party also ma-

certained that it shall not. There is food for thought in the recently reported (Globe & Mail, Dec. 4) case of the Bloor St. butcher in Toronto. His employees did not want to join a union and neither was the butcher himself keen for them to join. His shop was picketed, his employees threatened, his customers badgered and jostled by the meat cutters' union in an attempt to force union membership on the workers in the store. In view of the fact that the employees did not want the union and the employer did not want the union, one cannot help wondering why the heck the union was there at all. The right to organize, the right to assemble, the right to form labour unions; these are an essential part of our democratic freedoms. At the same time the right not to join and the right not to be organized are just as important. Above all is the right of the elected government to manage the affairs of the country, and this must not be threatened by minority pressure groups from any quarter.

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