

# M.P. Envisages Halton One Day as Large City

Members of the councils of Acton, Milton and Georgetown, with their wives and civic officials attended the annual dinner of the North Halton Urban Board at Hilltop Lodge, Erin, on Saturday evening.

Mayor S. G. Childs of Milton, chairman of the board, presided for the evening that began with members' choice of turkey or steak dinners.

Speaking at the conclusion of the dinner, Halton M.P. Sandy Best praised the co-operation of the three councils and the continuation of the Urban Board.

Halton M.P. Stanley Hall spoke of the growth of Halton county and his hope that one day the entire county might be an amalgamated municipality such as the City of Halton.

Each of the present municipalities forming a part of that unit.

Mayor Jack Armstrong, a past chairman of the urban board, urged future councils of the area to keep the urban board going. He praised the work of Jack McGeachie, who has served as secretary of the board since its inception in 1954.

Mayor Walter Cook, Acton, also noted the advantages of councils of the three towns reviewing mutual problems and urged the continuation of the board.

Presiding mayor S. G. Childs welcomed the ladies to the event and added more words of praise for the work of J. McGeachie for his part in the activities of the board.

Cards and dancing followed the dinner.

## Former Erin Minister Has Harrowing Experience

Parents were weeping, bride and groom were exchanging vows, when suddenly the solemnity of the ceremony was shattered by an alcoholic hallelujah from the back of the church.

Three times came the shout, three times a beer bottle waved in the air, and after each outburst, the owner of the bottle settled back again to watch the wedding with bleary-eyed sentiment. For Rev. Allen Vair of Knox Presbyterian Church, Preston, formerly of Erin, it was the most "harrowing" marriage ceremony of his experience.

Last Wednesday in magistrate's court the intruder, an itinerant construction worker, was sentenced to three months in jail. He said he was so drunk he couldn't remember a thing and promised to get out of town and join Alcoholics Anonymous.

"It was my first offence and I have no previous record," he said.

Crown Attorney H. Daufman disagreed. He handed a record of previous convictions for drunkenness.

"This shows you have been jailed in every town from the state of Washington to Washington, D.C.," said Mr. Daufman.

## LADY BEST BOWLER VARIAN LAST WEEK

High triple and single marks in the Varian Associates Bowling league belonged to Mrs. Wally Magdy last week after some sharp bowling that gave her a 254 single and 590 tri-count.

George Bent topped the men with 285 but it was short of the season's high 295 by Ernie Smith. The average is held by Tom Graham, 225, and Wally Magdy, 212, for the men, and for the ladies Mrs. Don Mead's 220 is the best here followed by Mrs. Bill Hillier's 164.

Bill Mair's team is still way out in front of the rest of the league with 29 points while the second place team captained by George Bent boasts just 19.

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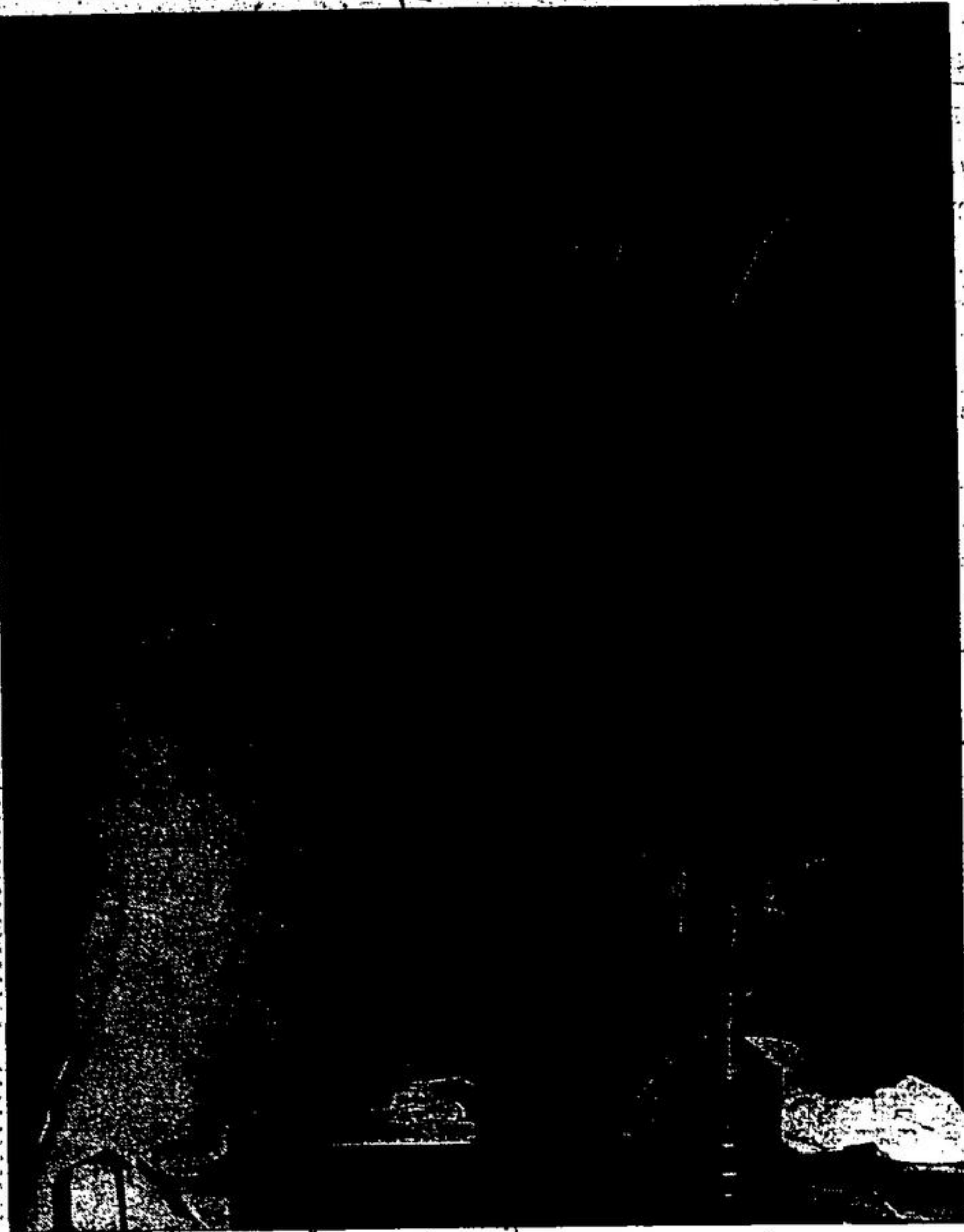


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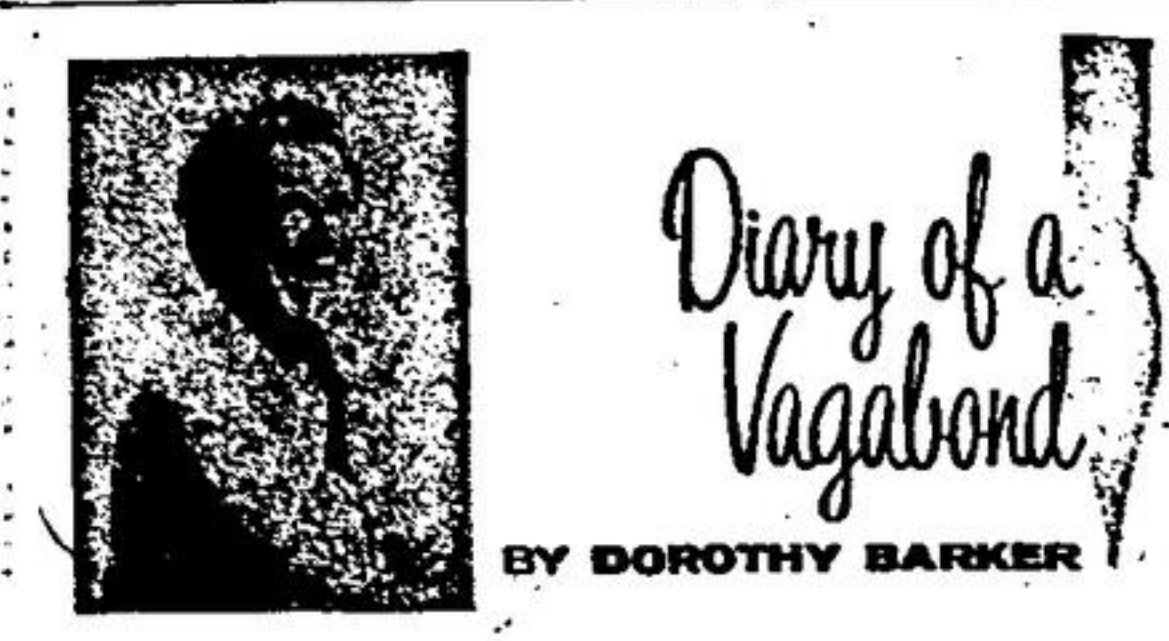
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## WINNING SOCCER CAPTAIN

THRILL OF A LIFETIME for Eddie Severs, captain of the Rangers was this meeting with soccer star Sammy Cox at Awards Night of Georgetown Community Centre. Winners of the 3-team town league, Eddie receives congratulations on behalf of his teammates while John Boyd, centre, of the club executive, looks on.

— Photo by Ed Peters.



## Diary of a Vagabond

BY DOROTHY BARKER

The train pulled into the station at St. Catharines. I was on my way home from Niagara Falls and sitting with my feet up on the opposite seat when my eyes spied a sales bill flapping on a nearby pole. "Auction Sale" it announced the big, bold, red letter. This was like waving a red flag in front of a bull. I charged down the aisle of the train, lugging my week-end bag, and alighted on that station platform just as the conductor gave the signal for the train to proceed.

CNR train crews across Canada are getting used to the unexpected decisions this Vagabond makes. When the conductor saw my jump down he merely shrugged his shoulders and climbed aboard the slowly moving train.

There I stood in a fall drizzle, wondering which way to turn next. St. Catharines is a pretty city, one hundred miles or less from Toronto, that mushroomed during the war years, growing away from the older and more settled streets in the central part of town. I knew nothing more about it than what I could see from a train window, but I had a ton gun in my hand and a few coins still left in my purse after my delightful weekend at the Falls. I realized I had time only to grab a bite to eat before the sale was slated to commence.

Next to trains, taxis, in my estimation, are God's gift to humanity. When I get these sudden brain waves and maroon myself in strange places, a taxi driver can always find me accommodation in attractive quarters and, in this case, the whereabouts of an auction.

We pulled up in front of a run-down, late Victorian period-type house whose gingerbread trimming was hanging in broken disarray from its eaves. Paint peeled from the graying clapboard and in the overgrown garden weeds flourished.

"The old gent was 97 when he died but as independent as a pig on ice. Nobody could do a nothin' for him. He just liked bein' alone," the driver said, as I instructed him to come back for me at 4 p.m.

There, bared for a critical public to comment, were the living habits of old, shall I call him, Jeremiah Long. The bed ding was clean but had seen better days. China was broken and cracked, and pots and pans were blackened by the coal fire he struggled with in the shadow of thousands of modern appliances in the homes that surrounded him. The fur-

their domain.

Today it is the conversation piece of my abode. Scraped, fumigated, cutdown, painted with white and gold and in its new dress of white upholstery satin, it is a perfect headboard for a vagabond's bed.

Bless Jeremiah for being so stubborn and insisting on living alone among his treasures until I caught up with this sale. I am sure he wouldn't approve of my having painted a "real walnut carving" but I guess now, the only ones missing its old splendour are "them chickens!"



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## BRIDGE COUPLE SETS HIGH TOURNEY MARK

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Orr had a top evening at the bridge tournament at North Halton Golf Club last Wednesday, with a score totalling 5620 for the evening's sixteen hands. They tallied six games, including a little slam, in eight games played at one table.

It boosted them to second place in the standing with a total of 11,450 points. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Breckridge hold first place with 11,980; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Langdon are third with 11,080; Cecil McNamara and Stewart Young are fourth with 11,030.

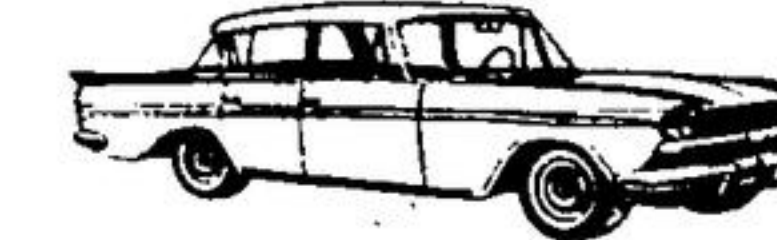
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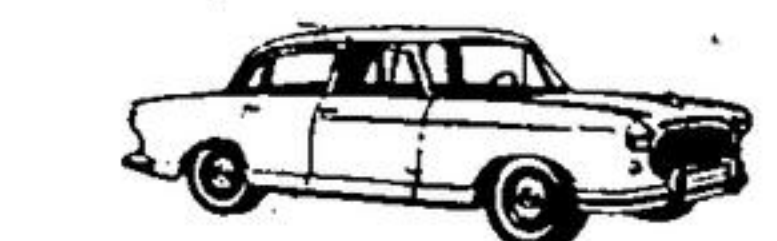
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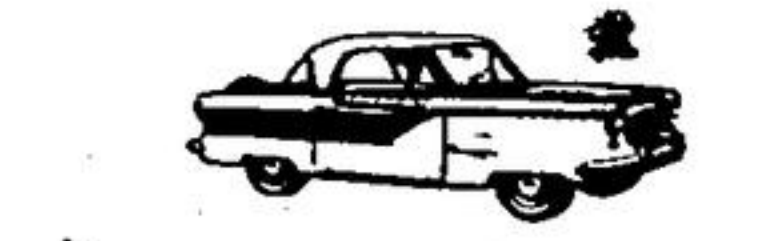
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