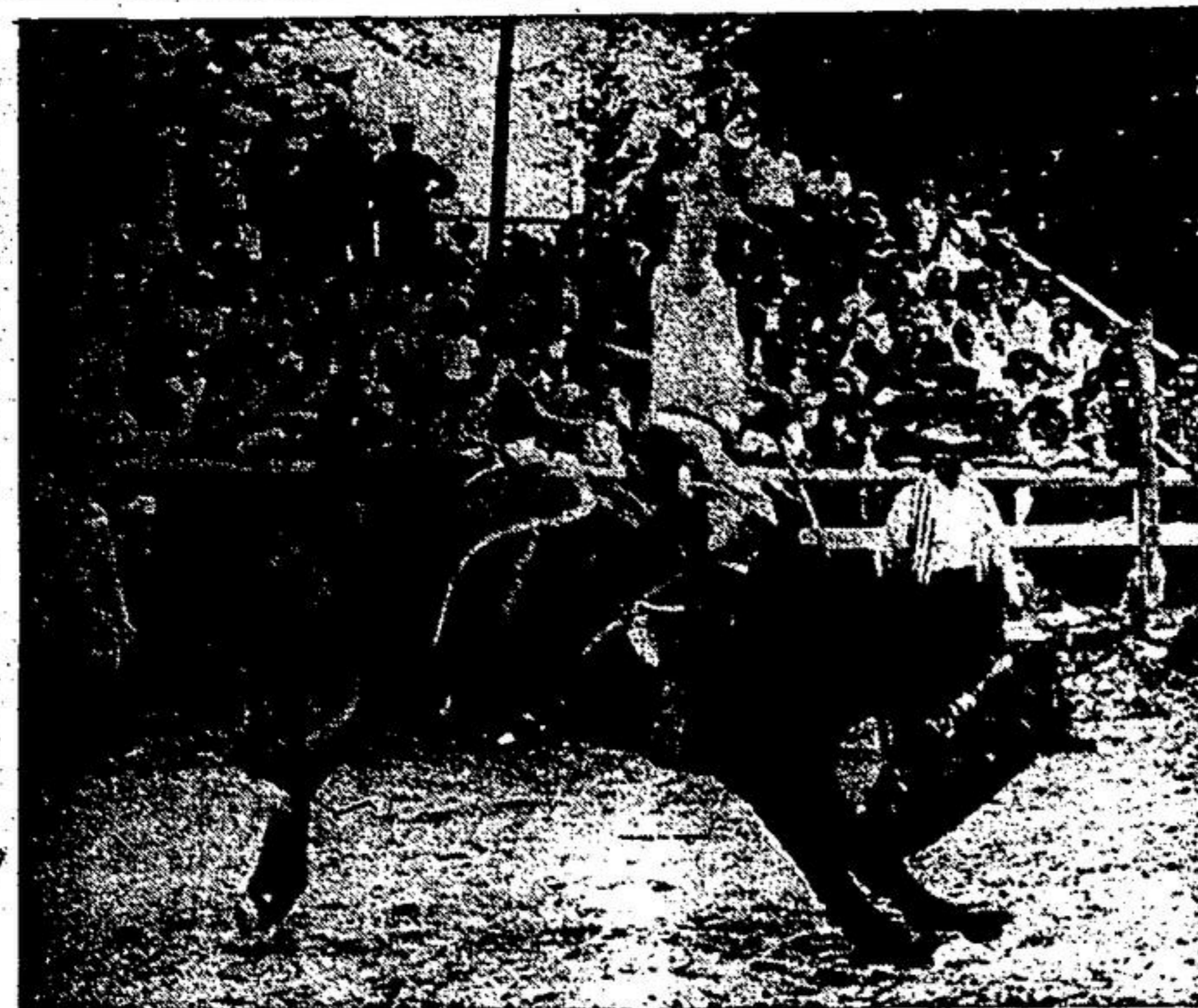


TOTS TAKE PREVIEW peek into shiney new Hospital before Public Admitted.



CROWDS BASK IN sun, relax, and watch saddle bronc rider fry to keep his hat clean in Rodeo feature.



GEORGETOWN High School football team begins most successful season in years.



SOLEMN SERVICE held at cenotaph in memory of war dead.

## SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

I hope you had a nice Christmas. We did. We always do. We pile in on the grandparents each year, and it's always warm and cosy and pleasant at the farm. And the women talk six miles a minute as they get the dinner. And these are kids of all shapes, sizes and ages. And the men loaf shamelessly, digesting the juices spurted into their cheeks as the scent of turkey and plum pudding waft in.

I hope you had a good year in 1961. It's rather depressing isn't it? All those muddy footprints marking what started as a clean sheet. I can't identify any particular progress, moral, physical or financial, as I peer back through my own 12-month slint.

I did get to church more often, but that was offset by various other venalities. I didn't have any major illness but I aged about eight years during the 52 weeks. This happens every year which now makes me about 104. And I ended 1961 just as I started it - up to my ears in debt.

Happily, the rest of the family did show some progress. The kids did fairly well in school and with their music, grew a foot each, and beat me for a small increase in allowance. On the debit side, they figured out numerous new ways of pushing their parents closer to the brink, and the cost of clothing and feeding them leapt astronomically.

My wife had a good year too. For some reason, she decided to stop pushing me, and began pulling me. I didn't move any faster, but we were both more comfortable in the harness. She also showed other signs of mellowing. Only twice, that I recall, did she belt me a good one. This is a new low.

I staggered through my first year of teaching school, and found it challenging, frustrating, exhausting and fascinating, at various times. I think I'll be a reasonable teacher in another 12 years, if the boys in the white coats don't get me first.

We increased the complications of our domestic life by acquiring a virginal-looking kitten who promptly went out and got herself in the family way, and a crazy cocker spaniel, who, at this moment, tied up in the basement, is yelping in piercing fashion, informing all and sundry that this is a hell of a way to treat one of the family.

During the year, I learned to curl and my wife learned to play the organ. I found some new fishing holes. As a family, we explored the new district

we'd moved to, and had some fine cook-outs, swims, picnics. We moved into a big square house with lots of oak trees, close spots, black squirrels and a fireplace, all welcome additions.

Best party I was at all year was just before Christmas when a gang of old fighter pilots got together in the city and had a real, old-time bash. Australians, Englishmen, Irishmen and Canadians, we re-flew our Spitfires, Mustangs and Typhoons with such gusto that the staid old club at which we rendezvoused was rocking on its mid-Victorian heels.

Come to think of it, 1961 was kind to the Smileys, and I hope it was to you and yours. We had what might be called a typical human year: busy, quarrelling, being happy, working, getting nowhere in particular, but making a lot of fuss in the process.

And here comes another one at us. This is a pretty rough one to face, with The Bomb sitting there like a great obscene vulture. But I suspect that, like most Canadians, we'll go through 1962 much as we have other years: scrambling, worrying, enjoying, going three steps forward and two back.

I, for one, have no intention of sitting round sweating about

the blasted bomb. First thing on the agenda is to catch the usual delinquent at New Year's, and I think there's enough life in the old boy to do it once more, at least.

How are you on the New Year's resolutions? Are you a make-'em-and-break-'em type? If so, join the club. There's a big membership. I used to make a lot of resolutions about smoking, drinking, being lazy, arguing with my wife, and all my other sins. But I found that these resolutions gave the Old Girl too big an edge in our little talks.

Now I make just one grand sweeping resolution, rather than a lot of little ones. For example, you can resolve to be better in every way during the coming year. This is vague enough. It means that you can devote yourself to nebulous plans of character improvement and still go on smoking, boozing, beating your wife, kicking dogs, or whatever your forte is.

### Labour Council Names Heym as President

At the regular monthly meeting of the Oakville & District Labour Council last week, a new executive board was elected for the ensuing term.

Mr. G. G. Heym, of Oakville, was elected president; Mr. J. Henry of Oakville and Cliff Hayes of Milton were elected vice presidents. Mr. Marty Caputo of Milton was voted in as secretary and D. Law of Oakville was re-elected as treasurer. J. Kane of Burlington was elected sergeant at arms. Messrs. Galer and Hicks of Burlington became trustees. R. Brodie of Oakville is the new executive at large, and the same position was obtained by Mr. Nieuwhat of Clarkson.



We welcome 1962 with the hope that it be a year of peace and contentment for our many friends and neighbours.

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