



MR. & MRS. BASIL CAPES of Toronto joyfully embrace their children. The couple were returning from a trip to which only their seat-belts stood between them and almost certain death.

### ONE FOR SEAT BELTS Toronto Pair Escape Certain Death

TORONTO—Basil Capes and his wife Lillian left their West lot onto home for a routine drive to Brockville. Their three children were in the car with them. Four hours later, at 5:30 p.m. that snowy January afternoon, death stalked them, and was cheated only by a couple of yards of webbing—the seatbelts in their car.

Mr. Capes had driven for 170 miles before stopping near Napanee for a tea break. It was 5:30 p.m. The weather was bad, and the darkening ribbon of Highway 2 covered with black ice which at times completely obscured the white dividing line.

Driving snow covered the windshield and reduced visibility to almost nil. Before starting off again on the last lap of their journey Mr. Capes instinctively tightened and adjusted his wife's seatbelt and his own.

Beyond Napanee Mr. Capes was able to go back to Highway 401 and the prospect before them looked brighter.

"Back to 401..." he thought. "Back to the divided highway. Driving conditions will be better." In spite of the fact that he was an expert driver he had fallen in to the common human error of assuming the obvious. In this area Highway 401 is not a divided highway.

At 5:50 p.m. Mr. Capes saw the headlights of an approaching vehicle. In the false security of his belief that the median strip separated the oncoming lanes he proceeded to overtake a truck and crossed the white dividing line which was completely obscured by black ice.

It was not until the approaching vehicle was almost upon him that he realized he was driving in the opposing lane. Mr. Capes remem-

### 460 Ballots Were Rejected Because of Careless Voters

#### Red's The Chief Of 750 Indians



Red Asseline Mops His Brow

More Canadians deliberately spoil their federal election ballots than lose their vote through ignorance of the rules. This startling fact was revealed in Ottawa by Chief Electoral Officer Nelson Castro on the eve of the 1963 election. He bases his statement on a personal check of the 1957 election when 74,710 ballots were rejected.

Of a total of 7,772,658 votes cast, or slightly over one per cent. This is regarded as a normal number. If it rises to over one and a half per cent, electoral officials then consider the situation serious.

In last June's election there were 460 rejected ballots in Halton riding out of 48,022 votes cast. This time there were 333 rejections.

People deliberately spoil their ballots in a number of ways. In '57 some 15,347 put an 'X' opposite the name of more than one candidate. Another 3,585 "look the trouble" to go to polling booths and then turned in blank ballots. Some 3,313 wrote facious or unprintable remarks across the face or back of the ballot.

Some even signed their names. A few placed a large "X" across the face of the entire ballot, others even wrote zeros opposite the names of all candidates, still others blacked out players who have poured into the town limits for the annual International Bantam hockey tournament. Red's chairman of the tourney committee Paul Armstrong is vice chairman and Harry Vlasman is treasurer.

### County Beef Producers Join Sr. Organization

Directors of the recently formed Halton Beef Improvement Association held a meeting on Monday April 1st. James Snow, Georgetown, President of the Association, and James McKay, Georgetown, outlined plans for the first Annual Meeting of the Ontario Beef Improvement Association. The Association is holding its first annual meeting at the Seaway Hotel, Toronto, on April 11th.

The Ontario Beef Improvement Association was organized in January of this year for the purpose of presenting improved production methods in beef production.

The conference program includes as speakers: Robert J. Deans, Extension Specialist, Animal Husbandry, Ohio State University and heron Lecker, General Manager, Meat Packers' Council, Toronto.

A panel discussion will be moderated by W. P. Watson, Assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture. Panel members include Murray Lock, Kent County, Ferqus Turbutt, Huron County, John W. Wolfe, Bruce County, R. M. Morris, United Cattle Raisers' Association, Ontario Stock Yards, Toronto, and D. L. Parks, Director of Sales and Crops Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture.

### The Name's the Same Proves It in Town

Kate Smith, Elizabeth Taylor, James Stewart, David Niven, Tony Martin and Joan Crawford will be in town next week but then they were in town last week, and the week before that they live here. They're just a few of the dozens of town and area people whose mountaineering names are celebrated in the name of the new Stewarttown Euchre By Home and School.

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### Hornby Stable One Entry In Erindale Horse Show

Several mounts and students from the Green Willon Stables will take part in the Three C Ranch spring horse show and pony gymkhana at Flying Goose Farm, Rogers Road, Erindale, on Saturday.

The group will be led by the instructor, Mrs. Isabel de Nance, and stable owner Dan Jones. If weather interferes with competition the show will be held on the following day.

Judges will be Dr. William Bovaid, Brampton, Allan and Susan Clarkson, Nashville, and Mrs. Susan Collier of Winnipeg for the Western events.

The show includes 16 events altogether. There are several children's events including musical stalls for children under eight, pony jumper for riders under 16, and child's working hunter for riders under 17.

Open events include jumping, bareback jumping, hunter, handy trail horse, handy trail pony, musical stalls and musical stalls-bareback.

Add a Don Carter (not the bowling champ), a John McDonald (not the former prime minister), a Bill Hewitt (not the sports-caster), a Jack Bailey (not the emcee of Queen for a Day), and Ace Bailey (not the former Leaf star), a Joe Poirer (not the Ottawa Rough Riders' halfback), and a Robert Walker out of Hollywood.

And there must be a hint of being Soerels made in Ontario you are going to play the game. "I was surprised," he said, "that what Mr. Caouette said carried on up here I didn't feel it would carry through even though what he was saying was THE GEORGETOWN HERALD PAGE 13

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### Beating the Late Frost

By Gordon Lindsay Smith

#### BEATING THE LATE FROST

In some parts of Canada, we must admit, the growing season is rather short. To other people, especially in the south, it doesn't seem anytime after the last frost in the spring until the first one in the fall. But even where that is a fact, it is really astonishing what one can grow in the way of tender flowers and vegetables. With planning and a few modern tricks, it is quite possible to have melons, cucumbers, tomatoes, garden eggs, and all sorts of the less hardy flowers almost anywhere in the country. There are several ways of doing this.

First we must select the earliest varieties possible, corn that will mature in well under 75 days, melons - in 80 days (the number of days to maturity is usually listed in the seed catalogues) and so on. Every year the plant breeders seem to be turning out something that will mature earlier than ever before. In flowers, too, we must use the varieties and strains that will bloom quickly.

Next point to bear in mind is that in climates where the season is very short we can gain from two to four weeks by starting seeds indoors. We use pots, tins, or those special plastic trays, now available with soil and seeds planted and covered with transparent plastic tops to protect from frost.

With things that do not take kindly to transplanting, such as melons, the first cucumbers or perhaps a few hills of corn, we can sow in special fibre pots and place in a sunny window. In a few weeks these will be ready for outside and we simply plant pot and all, as the roots will grow right through.

A third way to extend the season is to plant in the regular way, but extra early perhaps two or three weeks ahead of the last frost and protect with a sheet of glass or waxed paper, or even a flower pot at night, for the first few weeks.

In all cases where we are trying to beat the frost quick uninterrupted growth is essential and we should push along with watering when needed, lots of cultivation and one or two feedings of chemical fertilizer. The latter in itself will often hasten maturity by several days and that is what counts come September.

STEADY BUSTER

Despite the natural urge to get out with a spade and rake the first time the sun goes really warm when it comes to real gardening, there is a lot to be done in the garden.

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Final Standings

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