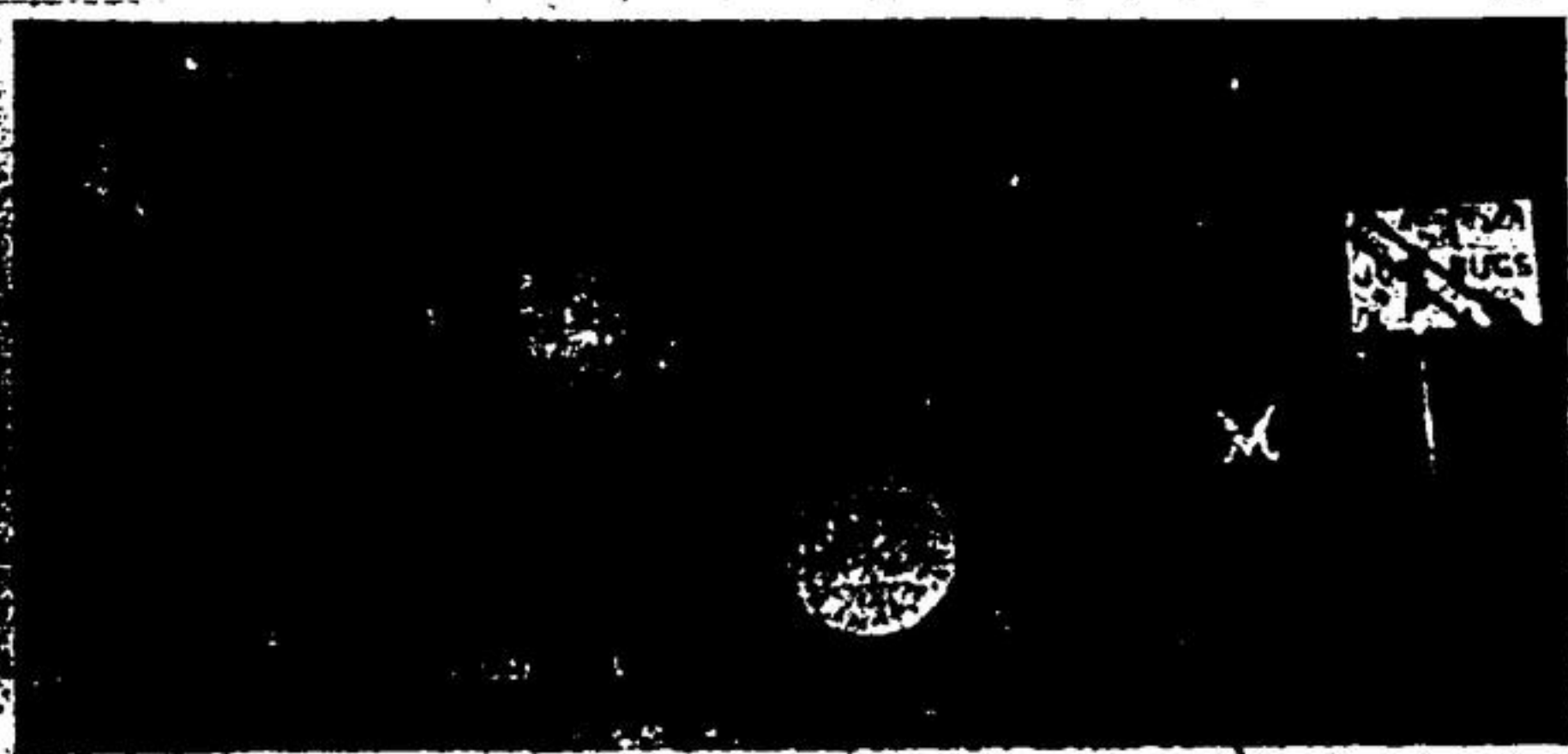


TO HELP THE RETARDED
BUG ACT WAS "IDE" SPLITTING



MOP-TOPPED quartets are appearing in such abundance these weeks, extermination seems an impossible task. This head-swaying group calling themselves the June Bugs came out of the Riviera woodwork during the Ides of March Dance. Left to right are Peggy Treahy, Audrey Milward, Ruth Mitchell, and K. Butler.



MRS. MAX ENGLISH, right, welcomes two special guests at the dance. Rev. R. P. E. Jeffares of Milton, and Mrs. Jeffares, principal of Sunshine School for Retarded Children at Hornby. The Ides of March Dance is an annual fund-raiser sponsored by the Georgetown Auxiliary of the North Halton Association for Retarded Children. Mrs. English headed the committee which produced this year's success.

Halton Farmers Urged to Unite, Back Federation

Leading Halton farmers are to revitalise the flagging Halton Federation of Agriculture with a program based on personal contact.

A group of officials at the Second Annual Conference of Halton Farm Leaders agreed that the federation requires a "shot in the arm."

Ken Graham, field man for the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, told the gathering of local farmers that the organization lacks communication with its members.

Need Closer Contact
He said the Federation is in dire need of a "tremendous educational program" and the need for closer contact with the farmers.

He said there is no form of communication as strong as the personal contact which "comes with meeting with the member in the restaurant, or in church, or over the garden fence."

He deplored the lack of interest shown at recent conferences when less than 40 per cent of the federation's members turned out to vote.

"Although we are inclined to set our criteria by the number of members who show up at a meeting,"

Poor Report
He explained that a person who attends a meeting which

has been poorly attended is likely to go back to his fellow members with the report "there were not many members present" instead of discussing the highlights of the meeting.

A. Roy Coulter, chairman of the Ontario Wheat Board, agreed, he said, this principle exists all across the Dominion of Canada where the democratic system prevails.

"There is an attitude of complacency whether it's at council meetings, church or school board meetings among Canadians. When the modern farmer has an investment of upwards of \$35,000 in equipment, his operation is big business," he said.

Farmers' Growth
He said it will not be uncommon for farmers to take in more and more property due to the massive competition. "It is not hard to visualize a good manager in the future handling up to 3,000 acres. It's hard to say what would be the optimum."

Represent Farmers
Graham said there is a need also for a realization by the chosen representatives of the federation that they represent the farmers and that they have been chosen to speak for the highest majority.

He said no federation official should feel he is bound to vote on an issue he does not fully understand.

"If resolution is not fully understood by the official or fully explained it is his duty to see that it is defeated."

The meeting yesterday was part of a two day conference to discuss the problems of farm leadership.

Small Farmer
Chairing the meeting, Cecil Belyea, Director of Ontario Federation of Agriculture, told the group that the small farmer is beginning to realize the importance of increased modernization of farming methods.

He predicted there would be far fewer farmers in the future as those in rural areas quit the farm for urban areas.

"This will leave those who are left with a new feeling, a feeling akin to socialism. When the modern farmer has an investment of upwards of \$35,000 in equipment, his operation is big business," he said.

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"The frightening competition that is going on among producers these days is a little in much for a gentle soul such as mine," he joked.

He said there is a great urgency for an organization such as the National Farmers' Association of Great Britain.

He said this organization knows more about farmers and their needs than the government and can get the government to "talk turkey" on every point.

"We are in need of such an

organization in Canada," said Belyea.
Also present at the meeting was Dennis Lawrence, president and Mrs. M.J. Brown, chairman of Halton County Federation of Agriculture.

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Music, Gifts Entertain Manor Birthday Guests

A pleasant evening of instrumental music, birthday gifts and a lunch were all provided for those residents who celebrate their birthdays in February, by twenty-five members of the Young Married Couples Club of the Highway Gospel Church in Milton, on Saturday night, February 29th.

Several selections were played by a small orchestra.

Mr. Christenson read the names of those having birthdays in the month of February and as he did so, eleven residents took their places at the head table, upon which a very tempting birthday cake had been placed.

The Head Table had been decorated with several lovely bouquets of mums. A birthday card and a gift of money was presented to each guest.

The Happy Birthday song was sung. A tasty lunch was served as a fitting conclusion to this very pleasant evening.

The eleven guests of honour were: Mrs. V. Mann, Mrs. M. Banks, Mrs. A. Reeve, Mrs. M. Stephens, Mrs. C. Given, Mrs. M. Davis, Mrs. E. Flaxman, and

Messrs. J. Hoare, E. Kay, H. Dobbie and H. Getty.

On Wednesday night, March 11th, some thirty men and women residents travelled by bus and cars to Oakville in order to be the guests of the Oakville Theatre Group for the presentation of their play, *Madam T. T. C.* The evening proved to be a very enjoyable one and the invitation to attend was greatly appreciated by those who made the trip.

At the Church service on Sunday afternoon, March 8th, Mrs. S. Lockie not only played the organ for the singing of the hymns but also sang by request the beautiful solo, *The Old Rugged Cross*.

Rev. J. K. L. McGown delivered a sermon on the subject, *The Philosophy of the Cross*. Mr. McGown explained how the covenant in the Old Testament were always sealed with the blood of an animal. God accepted the honouring of the old covenant by the death of Christ. Christ made a new covenant for us and thus made a full remission of our sins, but it is a covenant which each individual must accept in order to obtain full redemption.

Five ladies who belong to the Civinettes Club of Oakville and three gentlemen who are members of Civitan Club of the same town conducted another of their very entertaining bingo evenings on Wednesday evening, March 11th.

Ten games were played and thirteen prizes, all donated by the visitors, were awarded. Mrs. E. Flaxman won the last prize of the evening, a basket of fruit given for a full card. Two of the other prizes were won by Mr. W. Dewberry and one prize by each of the following: Mrs. L. Evedell, Mrs. Margaret Forbes, Mrs. G. Harrow, Mrs. R. Lantz, Mrs. W. McMillan, Mrs. Emily Hills, Mrs. Ada Hill and Messrs. E. King, G. Barrett and N. McCann.

At the close of these ten enjoyable games, the Civinettes assisted by some Milton ladies served fancy cookies, which the Civinettes had donated, and tea and coffee.

KERR'S COLUMN

M.P.P. REPORTS TO GEORGETOWN FROM QUEEN'S PARK
by GEORGE KERR

The estimates of the Department of Highways have been submitted to the legislature. The total amount of money to be spent during the coming fiscal year will be just under 300 million dollars. This includes maintenance, grants, subsidies, and new construction.

The 1964 allotment to municipalities in Halton for normal work total over 2 1/2 million dollars. This is for work on township, town, and country roads and is the total amount of expenditures eligible for subsidy.

The breakdown is as follows:
Halton County - \$800,000.00
Township

Esqueping - \$107,000.00
Nasagaweya - \$50,000.00
Towns
Acton - \$23,000.00
Burlington - \$820,000.00
Georgetown - \$117,000.00
Milton - \$80,000.00
Oakville - \$750,000.00

These expenditures do not include grants for Development Road projects or work done on Provincial Highways such as the Queen Elizabeth, No. 401, 25, 7 5 and Highway No. 2 which run through our County.

A Development Road project is where a municipality applies to the Provincial Government to open up a road which is non-existent or where it is unfit for any amount of traffic and could be an important artery assisting in the development of the community from the standpoint of industry, commerce and agriculture.

Such a road should also link with other roads and highways in the area and its probable volume of traffic should be such as to require improvement or development.

The Township of Nasagaweya has applied to the Department of Highways to designate the road between Concessions 1 and 2 from County Road 9 south to the Base Line as a Development Road. If approved, this will cost in the vicinity of about \$80,000.00 and will mean another improved road from north to south in the Township as well as an important link to the northern part of the Province.

Other Provincial projects proposed for 1964 or to be completed this year are:

1. Construction on the interchange at the Queen Elizabeth Highway and Guelph Line in Burlington which includes revision to ramps and relocation of service road.

2. An overpass on the Plains Road at the C.N.R. crossing just west of the Guelph Line in Burlington.

3. An overpass on Highway No. 25 at C.N.R. crossing just north of Q.E.W. in Burlington.

4. An overpass at service road at the west-bound lane of Q.E.W. 1.1 miles west of the Guelph Line (this is near where 403 runs into Q.E.W.)

5. A bridge or overpass over Q.E.W. at Guelph Line to be widened.

6. A chain link security fence from Freeman Corners westerly to Snake Road in Burlington.

7. Also included in proposed new work is the widening of the bridge or structure on the Q.E.W. which goes over Brant Street north of Plains Road.

8. An overpass on No. 5 Highway at C.N.R. crossing including relocation of Highway No. 5, Bronte Creek westerly to Appleby Line.

9. Reconstruction and widening of Highway No. 2 in Oakville from the Bronte Creek to Nelson Street, a distance of about one mile.

10. Improvements to No. 7 Highway between Acton and Georgetown at or near Acton's easterly limits.

These then, are the proposed projects which will be undertaken within the ensuing fiscal year which ends March 31st, 1965.

There was a report in an Oakville newspaper that improvements are contemplated for the inter-change on the Q.E.W. and the 7th Line in Oakville. There is no doubt that changes should be made at this particular point in view of Oakville's plan to build its Town Hall on the 7th Line north of the Q.E.W. Traffic at this intersection at peak hours is heavy and it is not uncommon for a line of cars to extend back to the Q.E.W. from the northern ramp while attempting to enter the 7th Line.

Provincial Highway construction therefore in Halton County for the next twelve months will continue to be active and will assist the efficient flow of traffic through our County, the amount of which is increasing tremendously each year.

Shelburne Publisher Dies Weekly Newsmen 73 Years

T. F. E. Claridge, 87, a native of Hornby who became editor of the Shelburne Free Press-Economist, died Tuesday, March 17th in hospital. He had been a newspaperman for more than 70 years.

He left Hornby to go to Shelburne in 1882, 18 years after the community was founded. He began his career as a printer's devil with the Shelburne Economist in January, 1891. His last column appeared in the Dec. 25th, 1963, issue.

He was 15 when he started work. Twelve years later, he took over from the founder, W. L. Smith. In 1928 he bought the Free Press from Mrs. R. L. Mortimer and merged the two papers.

In addition to his duties as

editor and publisher, he began a column in 1922 headed What J. Ollier Says.

Mr. Claridge was a handmaster of the community for nearly 60 years, chairman for 13 years, a member of the public library board for 23 years, treasurer of his lodge for 41 years and a charter member of the Rotary Club and for the past 30 years honorary president of the Shelburne Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

In recognition of his outstanding community service, the Shelburne Council staged a T.F.E. Night in his honour, on January 28th, 1965.

He leaves his son, Fred M. Claridge, publisher and editor of the Free Press and Economist.

Plan Welcome Meeting For New Hornbyites

The Hornby U.C.W. met on Wednesday, March 18th at 2 p.m. at the church, with the president, Mrs. Albert Marchment, welcoming the ladies.

The meeting opened with the singing of Hymn No. 156 - *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* followed by prayers and responses. Mrs. Orville Greston, read the scripture and the meditation on the Easter story.

Mrs. Stan Price read a story on how the women in prison observed Easter. A special Easter offering was taken. Hymn 113, *Crown Him With Many Crowns* was sung. The roll call *Cross* was answered by the 11 ladies attending. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Gae Sinclair.

Mrs. Albert Marchment reported on the executive meeting held in Streetsville on Feb. 24. Mrs. Roy Wilson reported on the annual meeting held in Cooksville on March 5th. Mrs. Albert Marchment reported on the consultation of the new curriculum held in Milton on March 14th and Mrs. Cliff Wrigglesworth gave the report on the official Board. It was decided that the next meeting would be a social evening at the home of Mrs. Wm. McPherson and the newcomers in the community be invited in. The meeting closed with the singing of hymn 113, *At the Name of Jesus*. Every Knee Shall Bow followed by prayer. Lunch was served by Mrs. Gae Sinclair and Mrs. Albert Marchment.

The North Trafalgar Euchre Club held their usual euchre party at the North Trafalgar Community Centre, with 12 tables in play. Lunch was served by Mrs. Leonard Koenig. Winners of the euchre were as follows: Mrs. Jim Hamilton, Mrs. Alec Ingram, Doris McCarron, Ralph Featherston, Otto Marchment and Gerald Teneycke. The next party will be on Saturday, March 28th.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce South and family of Brampton, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Garry Hamilton.

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