

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Opinions of Others

Herald publisher W. C. Bishop is on vacation. During his absence Editorial Comment will present views from district newspapers.

The Big Spoof

From the Oakville Journal-Record
The fight game took it on the chops when Sonny Liston again proved more tabby than tiger and turned his 15-round bout with The Lip into a oneact farce.

never be confused with prize fighter. And Clay more of a chump than a champ.
After all the ballyhoo surrounding Wednesday night's match, those connected with boxing are left doing a lot of boo-hooing over their sport which, like Liston, has taken the count. Happily, closed-circuit TV has spared us fight fans from watching boxing KO'd with a punch that wouldn't have knocked in the side of a cream puff, never mind, stretching the pretender to the heavyweight kingdom out on the deck. Boxing is no more a sport... but a spoof.

Fewer School Boards

From the Oakville Times
A wind of change is blowing through the educational system of Ontario under the guidance and direction of Education Minister Davis. One of the major changes which is being studied by Mr. Davis, and which he mentioned at a press conference, is a further extension of the broadening of the administrative base for education.

tem of educational administration. One of the handicaps of educational administration in Ontario has been the existence of so many hundreds of school section boards of trustees, most of them with jurisdiction over a single school. The time is long overdue for getting rid of that archaic system.
In England, with a population of some 50 million people, the educational system is administered by 47 educational authorities, one for each county. These authorities are not elected, as in Canada but are appointed by the county council solely on the basis of their qualifications in the fields of education and business administration.
The British system works splendidly, particularly as it is subject to a much greater participation in it by the government's ministry of education than is the case in this country. It is interesting to see Ontario moving closer to the British ideas of the size of administrative units. And there are other features of the British system which might be worthy of consideration by our department of education.

Modern Young People are Seeking Action

From the Brampton Times
Although many young people may not listen to the advice given them by adults, they can be impressed by their elders' behaviour. According to Roger Dion, the federal director of fitness and amateur sport, our younger citizens are more impressed by the wealth of adults than by their wisdom.

in society while teaching them to reason and instilling proven scientific facts and principles. Meanwhile commercial interests using the new and hypnotic power of mass media, bombarded them daily with slogans about pleasure, comfort, status and other stimuli opposed to classroom teachings.
Parents have been brainwashed too, not so much by television as by the hard battles they have fought to reach the niche in life they have attained. Leisure is a gift, an asset we owe to business people. Thanks to science and business and their merger to give us time and prosperity we can plan for leisure. However, the only purpose of leisure is for many to progress in a human way. If the materialistic outlook of business is continued into recreational activities we could create another monster.
The aim now is to have planned programs supported by government to give youth balanced leisure activities aimed at helping them grow. A civilization based on material values cannot survive. This has been proven by history. Professional recreationists can lead the way so that the human part of self can be developed. If we have won the world of work for them, they will win the world of leisure for us.

W.A. Johnson Claims We Need More Kooks

Dear Sir,
When George Kerr, MPP for Halton County, referred to the students from the Universities of Toronto and Ottawa as "fuzzy chinned kooks" in the National Press, his remarks were in very poor taste.
Whether or not the people agreed with the outcome of the issue or not, these so-called "fuzzy chinned kooks" got swift decisive action — something our elected representatives have been unable to get on practically any issue.
If Halton County had more of these so-called "fuzzy chinned kooks" as permanent residents, perhaps Glen Williams wouldn't have been faced with the threat of flooding each spring for the last forty years, because elected representatives and the various authorities, have been unable to ascertain who was responsible for flood control measures, and Milton, once

DOWN IN FEB. UP AGAIN LAST FRIDAY

WITH REPLACEMENT OF THE Canadian coat of arms with the Ontario coat of arms the Red Ensign made a comeback as the Provincial flag of Ontario. It was raised at a ceremony in front of the Parliament Buildings in Toronto at 9.30 a.m. The Ensign was hoisted down as the National flag February 15th.



"OH YES, THE HOSE"

NEWS DESK EXTRAS

by Jerry Harley
YOU FREE WITH THE YAR
When the fans stood in front of their chairs in the Lewiston hockey arena and chanted six after ordering cake and being tossed a couple of crumbs they may well have been shouting the truth to the rafters. But when the press was finished with the tar and feathers we felt that maybe they had gone at the job too fervently. Maybe the layer of tar was a bit too thick and just maybe some of it had splashed on people who didn't deserve it.
We certainly don't intend to make a case for amellorama productions like this meeting for the heavyweight championship of the world turned out to be but there are some points in defense of a couple of maligned participants which haven't appeared in any of the post-fight ink that we absorbed.
Referee Jersey Joe Walcott took more on the chin from the sports writers than ever slipped through his defenses during his days as a scrapper, yet close examination of his action will show no evidence of poor officiating. The knockdown count does not start until the fighter still on his feet is standing in a neutral corner, as most fight fans know, and if the other combatant is on the canvas for 20 seconds while the official is attempting to get the deliverer of the knockdown punch to a neutral zone that's just touch bananas for the vertical fighter.
Walcott did not start the

count because Mohammed Ali would not go to the corner. However he stopped the bout when notified that the timekeeper, a senior official, had counted to twelve and declared the whole thing concluded.
Such being the case we think that Sonny Liston has a point in his defence. We've rarely seen a floored fighter regain his feet and go back at his opponent without letting the count go to at least 5 and in most cases they'll wait for an 8 count before getting up. Liston of course could not hear the timekeeper and was still waiting for Walcott to count 1 when he discovered it was over.
The unanswered questions are the ones that make the whole thing suspect. Why didn't Mohammed Ali go to a neutral corner? Why did Liston fall under such a light tap. Why was the timekeeper not equipped with a mike so that the referee could hear him, and why did he count at all with Mohammed Ali still standing over his prostrate victim?
The press, who staffed the debate next day, ironically became a party to it when they insisted in print that it was all over in one minute. We timed it from the starting bell and clocked a minute and 41 seconds to the knockdown.
A gem cannot be polished without friction, nor man without trials.

NEWS ECHOES

- 10 YEARS AGO
Two employees of Smith and Stone Limited were officially welcomed into the 25 year club of Du Plate Limited and associated companies at the annual dinner and reception in Toronto. Brigadier F. C. Wallace presented gold watches, club pins and certificates to John H. Davidson and Mrs. John Holden.
A graduate of Georgetown High school, John Nodwell, has graduated from the University of British Columbia as a chemical engineer and has joined Imperial Oil in Edmonton.
Part of the contract for the new waterworks extension was awarded at Monday's council meeting. Dunker Construction Co., Kitchener, lowest of two tenders for erection of a new pump house, reservoir, and other buildings, will receive \$82,404 for this part of the work.
To avoid a confusion of street names—the former Henry Street which runs from Elgin to Sarah Streets will be renamed Durham St. There is a Henry St. in the new Cloverdale subdivision.
20 YEARS AGO
Mr. Alex Maclaren, Georgetown, Director of the Ontario Farm Service Force, is urging all cities and towns to organize local Farm Commando Committees, and asks that those interested write to Ontario Farm Service Force, the Parliament Building, Toronto.
There was close to panic on Main Street yesterday morning when fruit and vegetable merchant Dick Licata got a shipment of 125 baskets of potatoes, sold in five pound lots, the potatoes were sold to 250 customers in less than three hours. Since Dick Licata was in Toronto on a buying trip, the whole shipment was sold by Mrs. Licata and Joan Main. The news of the end to the potato famine spread so quickly that in less than half an hour after the potatoes arrived customers were crowded at the store.

SUGAR AND SPICE by Bill Smiley

Time Hobbles On

I'll be 45 this week. It's one of those rather decisive birthdays, like 13, and 21 and 30. Only 10 years before I'll be middle-aged. A good time to sum up.
One thing that strikes me is the amount of junk a fellow can collect in such a brief span. I came into this world without a ditch or a nickel. And in only four and a half decades, I have acquired a number of stiches, about 400 nickles, a house with two mortgages, a car with 12 payments to go, two teenagers to put through university, and a wife currently talking up the glories of an automatic dirt washer.
Not to mention a houseful of furniture that's all due to be replaced a basement full of empty beer bottles, a toolshed full of rusty tools and broken bicycles, and a attic full of black squirrels.
But I have no complaints about life. I was the runt of the litter in our family, and I've grown into a magnificent physical specimen towering five foot eight on hot days and tipping the scales at a strapping 138 in my winter overcoat.
And what a beating that meagre machine has taken in 45 years! I've been seasick and airsick and love sick. I've rolled over in a car crashlanded in an aircraft and smashed into a steel bridge at top speed on my bike. I've been beaten into unconsciousness by a gang of Germans and hit with everything from a telephone to a plate of roast beef by my wife. Yet there's hardly a scratch on me. Outwardly.
I've broken fingers and toes, and nose (three times). I've had hemorrhoids and hangovers. I've had my scalp laid open by a hockey stick and a horseshoe. I've had measles and mumps and TB and the trots scarlet fever and buritis and pink eye and dysentery.
And yet, amazingly, the old carcass presses on. Sight and hearing are sound as a ball though smelling is gone completely. Appetite is unimpaired, and the old guts can handle any thing but broken glass. Hair and teeth are thinning and have changed color, but are still original models.
Endurance isn't what it used to be. I couldn't run 200 yards at top speed if the devil himself were after me, with a red hot pitchfork. But he rarely chases us Sunday School teachers, so why worry.

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