

# Editorial Page

## One Year?

With some hesitancy we write to acknowledge that Milton has had one year of fatality free days.

Our hesitancy is in wondering whether the good record can be continued or whether we should hold our breath awaiting the awful news that another Miltonian has been the victim of a fatal accident.

It is possible of course that the constant hammering home of the need for safety in all its aspects is having some effects through the dogged work of the Milton Safety Council.

There are so many areas where it is necessary to develop safe habits that the list of possibilities is endless. Cyclists, pedestrians, swimmers, boaters, industrial workers, housewives . . . the list is endless. There is of course no place where one can be careless of the rules of safety and still expect to remain safe.

With the summer days here in earnest the farmer is busy with machines trying to beat the weather . . . a time for safe practises if there ever was one. The motorist is anxious to speed along to his summer holidays and get to the cottage . . . a time for safe driving if there ever was one. The swimmer is anxious to swim just a little further to stretch his swimming record . . . a time for safe swimming if there ever was one.

Now is really the time for safe practises and practice of safety. Summer, fall, winter, spring, we just can't keep away from the need for safety.

While we're mighty glad Milton has had an accident free year we can't help having that feeling of "holding your breath. Can another fatality free year be recorded? It's really up to all of us.

## Courtesy

Many successful businesses have been built on the sound principle of providing a reliable product or worthwhile service at a fair price. It cannot be denied, however, that when such a product or service is marketed in a courteous manner a more pleasant and rewarding experience for all will result.

People, both young and old, in all walks of life, react favourably to courteous treatment — and it costs no more than a little time and effort plus thoughtful consideration of others. How many of us remember a businessman in our parents' or grandparents' time who invariably walked to the door and opened it as his customers left? He found the time to be courteous.

Courtesy is an important and valuable asset. It cannot be monopolized by any one group, but it would appear at times that it could be used to better advantage in many of our personal and business relationships. Like ripples created when a pebble is thrown into a pool, an act of courtesy will extend far beyond the original gesture.

The summer season is now here and many visitors are travelling in our country. Would this not be an excellent time to make a conscious effort to be more courteous, not only on our highways, but in our stores and places of business? It takes so little time and effort and the results can be far-reaching. It can make for a more pleasant world in which to live.

## Not a Bad Record

When he was in Ottawa recently, Israel's Prime Minister Ben-Gurion said he was surprised to learn that since the end of World War II Canada has spent \$4,629,450,000 on foreign aid. Mr. Ben-Gurion went on to say that he was sure that the rest of the world was equally ignorant of the extent of our foreign aid spending. In point of the fact it is likely that very few Canadians have much knowledge of this subject, though it is not a record we need be modest about.

Canada provided more than \$2 billion for immediate postwar relief and reconstruction in Europe. More recently we have spent nearly \$1.8 billion in NATO mutual aid, and another \$480 million on special assistance schemes. In the past decade we have contributed through the Colombo Plan \$382 million for hydro-electric and thermal power projects, and grants of foodstuffs and technical assistance to India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Malaya, Burma, Cambodia and Vietnam.

In the current year we will spend \$62 million on foreign aid. Over a five-year period we are contributing \$10 million to the

West Indies' aid program; West Indian trainees are in Canada studying public administration, information services and fisheries; Canadian experts are in the islands assisting in agriculture, housing and vocational training. Over a three-year period we are to spend \$10.5 million in Africa, mainly on technical aid to education. There will be a \$1 million appropriation this year for the Commonwealth scholarship plan and the number of persons studying at our universities under the program is expected to rise to 225. And many more items could be added to the list.

Of course much of our foreign aid spending is done right in Canada, with Canadian-made goods rather than dollars going out of the country. Nevertheless it is all money that the taxpayers must put up. Probably those vocal few Canadians who condemn our foreign aid as pitifully inadequate have no certain knowledge of just how much we have done, and an idealistic but unrealistic conception of just how much we can afford.

## Soft Heads and Muscles

A New York physical education veteran told a big gathering the other day that our youth is not getting soft, but he laid in to their elders.

The same group heard Dr. George Flower, of the Ontario Board of Education, declare quite emphatically "We cannot operate hard schools in a soft society . . . we are soft, smug and flabby, guilty of soft thinking, and this is reflected in our schools."

Whether these two men, who were addressing the Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation at McMaster, were banging at a society that is doing too much soft thinking about hardness and not enough hard thinking about softness can be left to specialists. We lean certainly to Dr. Flower's attitude and in his own way, Dr. Nash, the New Yorker, who questioned modern youth's softness, stressed there are still great flaws in our approach to recreation.

"To be any benefit, exercises must be interesting," he said, and pointed out that

a walk in the woods is as healthy as a weight-lifting session.

"In the final analysis, true recreation is achieved by doing something creatively; that is why our emphasis on purely spectator sports is wrong; we are entertained by a football match, but our health is not improved."

**Colonialism**  
Since 1945 no less than 41 nations have won their independence from Western colonial control. This overwhelmingly peaceful process of national liberation has benefited 801 million people living in an area of 9.9 million square miles.

In contrast, since 1920 the Soviet Union has extended its control over 17 countries and 8 regions (parts of other countries). The area of this expansion, in which China has been in turn a victim and a junior partner, is 7.6 million square miles and the population involved is about 840 million.

—ACEN News

## "Big Splash"



—Photo by Esther Taylor

## THE TURNING POINT

by J. M. STARR

"I dare do all that doth become a man!" This quote comes from William Shakespeare's "Macbeth." Have you been to the Stratford Shakespeare Festival of Canada yet? Even if you haven't, you will be familiar with some of the quotations of Shakespeare, as his work is second only to the Bible for furnishing the English language with familiar quotations . . . far more than any other writer — and still provides "current coin" in our daily speech, so many centuries after his death! All of us have seen newspaper pictures of the wonderful tent-like structure of the Canadian Stratford theatre, and of the Elizabethan stage where the actors fulfill their roles. Here in the shadow of the theatre is the pond-like stillness of the Avon River, complete with graceful, old willows along its banks, and majestic black swans gracing its tranquil waters . . . a truly wonderful advertisement for Canada.

As his plays still hold such huge audiences, I thought you might like to know a few unusual things about the background of this great, and much discussed character of a day gone by. Just what factors are involved in producing a Shakespeare? He had a fairly ordinary beginning. He was born in 1564, the son of a Stratford England "glorier" and alderman. His mother was Mary Arden, a district farmer's daughter. He received his education at the Stratford Grammar School where he was full of fun and mischief, and won no special awards or scholarships in literature. He always enjoyed good health and became quite a handsome man, with his chestnut hair, blue eyes and rosy cheeks. He was known to be gentle and affable in nature with a good sense of humor, and a great love for horses . . . often riding with the hunt. When he was only 18 years of age, he married Anne Hathaway, a Stratford girl, who was seven years his senior, and before he celebrated his 21st birthday, he had two daughters and a son! He loved children, though he did not often give them parts in his plays, but his family's financial condition forced him to go to London to seek a better living. It is generally accepted that he taught school for a short time, but soon became associated with a group of actors and began writing plays for them. He was evidently a natural at his art, because in three years he was an accomplished, accepted and highly-paid playwright. His plays were constantly patronized by the Queen, and King James, and much of the London nobility. He bought the best house in Stratford for his wife and two daughters, (his son died at the age of 10), made a gentleman of his poor old father, and obtained the grant of a family coat of arms. He eventually retired to Stratford . . . a wealthy and successful man, and died there at the age of 52 on the 23rd of April, 1616.

Now let us think for a moment that these plays were written before forks were in general use, and Shakespeare probably never used one in his whole life! They still ate with their fingers and a

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## THE GOOD OLD DAYS

### 50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of the Canadian Champion July 13, 1911.

On Tuesday morning, George A. Mann left home to begin his duties as clerk at the Hotel McGibbon before Mrs. Mann got up. After going some distance he looked back and saw a tramp, who appeared to have watched him, going back into his house. Mr. Mann ran back, caught the tramp in the house and asked him what he wanted. He replied, "Something to eat." Mr. Mann had no hankering to attend police court proceedings and proceeded to deal with the case summarily. The hobo fought back after being knocked down, but when the operation was repeated and a kick or two supplemented he seemed quite satisfied and departed.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of the Canadian Champion July 17, 1941.

Brock Howard, of Peru, has a Plymouth Rock hen, which is doing much to help win the war. On Tuesday last Biddy produced an extra large egg, which measured 9 by 7 inches and weighed seven ounces, and on breaking open the shell, Mr. Howard was surprised to discover a second on the inside with a completely formed hard shell. Mr. Howard told that this is the second large two in one egg the same hen has produced this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Downs, West Mary Street, Milton, have received a cable from their son, Albert, a member of the Lorne Scots Regiment, which reads as follows, "Arrived safely; letter following."

On Sunday, 2nd inst., The Sunday School of the Methodist Church, of which C. E. Hollinrake has been superintendent for some years and with which he has been connected ever since he was old enough to attend it, presented that gentleman with a signet ring in recognition of his valuable services. Miss Hollinrake was presented with a fountain pen and Miss Mary with a bible. The girls left on Saturday for their new home at Toronto, and Mr. Hollinrake will leave this week for Moose Jaw, Sask., where he will practice his profession. The Hollinrake family has been one of the leading ones of the Methodist Church and of the town for a great many years. Mr. and Mrs. James Hollinrake came here in 1860 and all their children were born here.

Examinations began at the public school building here on Monday, third inst., and ended last Tuesday. The recommended candidates who wrote were, for entrance to Normal School, Keith Peacock, Margaret McNabb, Harold Inman. For Junior Matriculation, Jean Pantou, Mabel McCannell, Harold Inman.

The first clay was ground at the works of Brandon's Pressed Brick and Tile Co., last week. The siding from the C.P.R. is being laid.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Bayley and daughter, Judith Ann, of Cooksville, and Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, of Toronto, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bayley, Thomas St., over the weekend.

George Harris, Campbellville, received face and shoulder injuries when the car he was driving crashed against a tree on No. 25 highway at Fishers Corners Sunday.

To celebrate the Battle of the Boyne, many "Old Timers" girded themselves for the walk last Saturday, the 12th of July. Among those with years of service to their credit in the Orange Lodge were George and Thomas Bell, twin brothers, of Nelson village, who attended the Grand Valley celebrations. Both joined the Orange order in 1877. George Bell is a member of the Zimmerman Lodge, Milton, and has never missed a parade. Thomas Bell is a honorary member of the lodge for Ontario West.

Hornby Rev. and Mrs. J. O. Totton have left on their vacation for three weeks. They will spend most of the time with Mrs. Totton's mother in Stouffville.

Last Sunday evening the pulpit of the United Church was occupied by Rev. E. G. Riddell, of Lowville. Next Sunday evening the service will be taken by Rev. J. B. Moore, of Milton. The following Sunday evening the service will be withdrawn.

## Jim's JOTTINGS

BY JIM DILLS



• HOLIDAYS ARE wonderful things . . . when you're on them. And incidentally the Champion won't be closing this year for vacation. Holidays in the plant and office will be staggered again this year. Matter of fact it looks like we'll be short staffed from June through September. If you are reporting events please help us maintain deadlines by submitting stories right after they happen.

• SEE WHERE they may be coloring highways soon. Apparently a versatile new family of thermoplastics will make colored road surfaces practical. Then interlocking highways and clover-

leaves could be paved in different colors to define routes or colors could be used to indicate speed zones.

• FOR FOUR years now we've been delivering Champions to rural stores in the area on Thursday afternoon and it's interesting to note that sales in those outlets have climbed steadily. About 400 papers are sold that way in addition, of course, to those that are sold by regular subscription.

• IF YOU want to know what is meant by a spitting image, try feeding cereal to a baby, one has

suggested.

• HAVE YOU read up on the new provincial sales tax regulations? If you sell "tangible personal property" you'd better get your application for a license filed. Not that anyone really wants a license but apparently we've got to apply for one anyway.

• AMAZING how some of the Champion's editorials get around! A note this week from the chief editorial writer of the Chicago Sun-Times points to one of our editorials that paper reprinted.

## Sugar and Spice . . .

BY BILL SMILEY



How come they're killing off all the big fellows this year? First it was Clark Gable then Gary Cooper, and now it's Ernest Hemingway. When indestructibles like these are suddenly mowed, it makes us other old soldiers-of-fortune realize, with a shudder, that even for us the bell must toll one day.

In an age where men think it's a big adventure to go duck hunting, when they think it's rugged, he-man stuff to cook on their back-yard barbecues — these men were our folk heroes. These were the giants who kept us aware that once men were brave and violent and wild and gallant.

How we swaggered through the bellies with Gable in Gone With the Wind! How we stood up with him to the fury of the vicious Captain Bligh, in Mutiny on the Bounty! How we gathered the luscious women in droves merely by joining him in quirkering an eyebrow!

Many a lone and dusty Western street we stalked with Gary Cooper, hand poised ready for the draw, eyes darting to the upper windows, where the rifle barrels poked. Many a lonely ranch we rode up to with him, our past a mystery.

How often have we strolled with Hemingway through the festive streets of a Spanish town, girls tossing roses to us from balconies! How many times have we sat with him in the great arena, squirting the native wine from the goatskin into our mouths, as we waited for death in the afternoon, the fanfare of trumpets, the march of the matadors!

Don't try to tell me that a lot of clean-cut young fellows called Rock and Tab and Rip and Kirk and Dirk are going to fill the boots of Gable and Cooper.

Please don't try to tell me that these earnest young men in crew

cuts and hornrimmed glasses, who write as though they had swallowed a dictionary of psychological terms, are going to out-Hemingway of the clean, stripped prose, the haunting

there, half asleep, watching television, don't you? Well, next time there's a showdown on the screen, observe the grim set of our jaws, see the fingers of our gun hands curl.

Keep an eye on our eyebrows next time Sophia Loren heaves into view. They'll be so quizzical you could hang a water pail on them.

Note the way our eyes narrow, next time we're out in the boat, as they peer into the distance, seeing things you've never dreamed of.

And look out for that little, dangerous smile that barely curls the corner of our mouth, at the next meeting of the Home and School Club, when the chairman asks for a frank statement of opinion.

They've taken away our old comrades-in-arms. But Cooper and Gable and Hemingway have given us a code to live by. On the surface, we may be a burnt-out lot. But behind that pot belly, beneath that wispy skull, the fires are smouldering, the courage is white-hot, the will is of iron, and the devilish charm is just biding its time until the first countess comes along.

## \$7,000 Grant

### Act to Preserve Escarpment

The Province of Ontario acted today to preserve the natural beauty of the Niagara escarpment \$7,720 grant toward purchase of 82 acres in Nassagawega and Esquesing townships for a conservation area. A 300 foot wide strip running parallel to the escarpment, the area provides a magnificent view of the surrounding countryside and will be threaded with nature trails.

The grant to the Sixteen-Mile Creek Conservation Authority, announced today by Stanley L. Hall, M.P.P. for Halton County, on information from the Hon. W. M. Nickle, Minister of Commerce and Development, amounts to half the total purchase price. It will enable the authority to protect the natural springs of the

escarpment and prevent further encroachment by quarrying interests who have recently acquired some 1,000 acres in the vicinity.

Mr. Hall announced at the same time an additional grant of \$950 to the Authority for further development of Chisolm Conservation Area, a seventy-acre property on the slope of Sixteen-Mile Creek in Trafalgar Township, donated in 1949 by Dr. Juliet Chisolm of Oakville. The 1961 program of tree planting, fencing and sodding will cost \$1,900 and is a continuation of an improvement project in the area toward which the government also contributed 50 per cent last year.

In both areas member municipalities will bear the Authority's share of the costs.

## AROUND THE DISTRICT

WITH ROY DOWNS



GEORGETOWN—Where were the flags over the recent Dominion Day weekend, wonders the Herald? The paper suggests the custom of flying flags and banners should be restored next year since the old form of Dominion Day celebrations with sports days, parades and garden parties seems to have been lost.

ACTON—Baseball fans were victims of a "double steal" recently when they paid twice to see one ball game. As usual, park attendants accosted everyone entering the park for their admission fee — then the ball club passed around the hat.

OAKVILLE—This town will spend \$188,000 on summer construction and road improvement as part of its summer works program. Rebecca St. and Navy St. will be widened and paved in preparation for the opening of the new William Anderson bridge in mid-October.

BURLINGTON—A program for retarded children is included in this year's Burlington Recreation Department summer playground program. The program opened last week on 15 local playgrounds, with children aged six to 14 attending.

WATERLOO—Police Chief French has complained to council about the discontinuance of his car allowance and council has promised to review their earlier decision.

BRAMPTON—The Chamber of Commerce has agreed to pay \$600 a month to keep the parking meters on downtown off-street parking lots hooded for the summer. The hooding of the meters was instituted to lure shoppers back to downtown stores.

STREETSVILLE—A township police constable has a new pet to go along with his menagerie of pheasants, rabbits, ducks and chickens—it's a two week old fawn called Little Edgar. Found by two Milton boys, the deer was quickly "adopted" by the animal-loving officer.

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