

# Editorial Page

## Awakening the Past

Given some good weather this weekend Milton should see some big doings with the first two day antique engine display, parade and races.

The re-appearance of some of the promised agricultural machinery displays could well awaken some interested historical ghost to recount some of the earlier days of Milton when agriculture was the town's main interest and much of the commerce and industry was geared to that alone.

Back in 1890 a photographer named Featherstone recorded for posterity the huge Massey Harris implement parade that filled Milton's main street with interested spectators. The present post office wasn't there and of course verandahs decorated the front of most stores.

Earlier than that, about 1855, the town boasted a large foundry first owned by Samuel Morse and later by Joseph Brothers. Threshing machines, mowers and reapers were made there with a peak production of about \$40,000 annually. Of course there

were also grist mills, Waldie's Blacksmith Shop that is still in operation and Ramshaw's Quality Buggies were made on Commercial St.

Mr. James Waldie was manufacturing what writers of the day were calling "a superior cultivator-harrow" in the 1870's.

We understand there was the odd horse race in Milton too, and of course there used to be the spring and fall horse shows as well as the agricultural competitions and fall fairs.

No doubt many of these recollections could be revived and will be this weekend when some of the antique machinery puts in its appearance for the first reunion of the recently-formed Ontario Steam and Antique Association.

We wish the reunion well and hope it will initiate a renewed interest and some telling recollections of those earlier days in agriculture and steam for the town and district.

## Business Slower

If business grinds to a slower pace this weekend it won't be surprising. We can imagine that merchants will put in one of their busiest weekends and be no further ahead financially.

Actually this is the weekend the new provincial sales tax gets its baptism in Ontario. What day does it start? Well we really aren't sure. Most of the literature seems to say the tax goes into effect after September 1 and that would be September 2, but don't take our word for it.

Then too, the merchants will have to be a little more adept at figuring what three per cent of everything is and consulting a chart to be sure they have the right answer.

Of course customers will be eyeing it all carefully too, to be sure they aren't paying unnecessary tax. There may be the odd shopper that will want to pay individually for items under 17 cents to avoid paying the tax on a total grocery or similar order.

## Another Holiday?

Monday is Labor Day.

It is a day that has been introduced as a holiday to honor the workingman.

Like many holidays we now mark there seems to be no effort to attach any particular significance to it. Undoubtedly its introduction in 1884 was hailed as an opportunity for parades and other displays of goodwill to workingmen.

Today the holiday seems to find its only area significance in a long weekend and a chance for many to attend the Canadian National Exhibition where labor is honored.

Much the same situation exists with Civic Holiday, Dominion Day and the old Empire Day.

Actually labor has a history it should be anxious to recall. From the dark days of the Industrial Revolution in England to these enlightened times the workingman

has gained new status and benefits. A day of 16 hours was not uncommon as the industrial revolution gained momentum. It wasn't until 1833 that children under 13 were limited to an eight hour day. Legislation in the U.S. in 1938 recognized 40 hours as the maximum ordinary work week.

Today about 6 1/2 million people make up the nation's labor force. By some generalized mathematics that gives Halton a work force of about 34,000—the equivalent of the county's total population at the mid-way point of the decade.

Labor is entitled to the significance it receives from a special holiday but if holidays are to have any particular importance other than "the day before school starts," "the last holiday of the summer," and "the day we close up the cottage," those responsible will have to get their message across each year.

## A Long Week-End

One person will be killed on Canadian highways every hour and a half this Labor Day weekend if last year's record is duplicated.

The last long weekend this year will be the most dangerous according to the records. These safety suggestions which are particularly valuable to those contemplating long trips over the holiday weekend.

1. Take long trips in easy stages; don't try to travel too far in any one day.
2. Avoid fatigue by stopping often for coffee or by changing drivers.
3. Avoid the main traffic arteries wherever possible.
4. If you are tired, but can't stop overnight, pull to the side of the road and cat-nap until you are rested.
5. When travelling with children, take plenty of books and quiet games so they will not create noisy distractions for the driver.
6. Study in advance the different driv-

ing rules of strange cities where you may be driving.

7. If you have a blowout or other mechanical failure, continue slowly until you can pull completely off the highway.

8. Set out flares when making repairs on the highway at night; don't block other drivers' view of your car lights.

9. Keep your speed within safe limits, especially on wet highways.

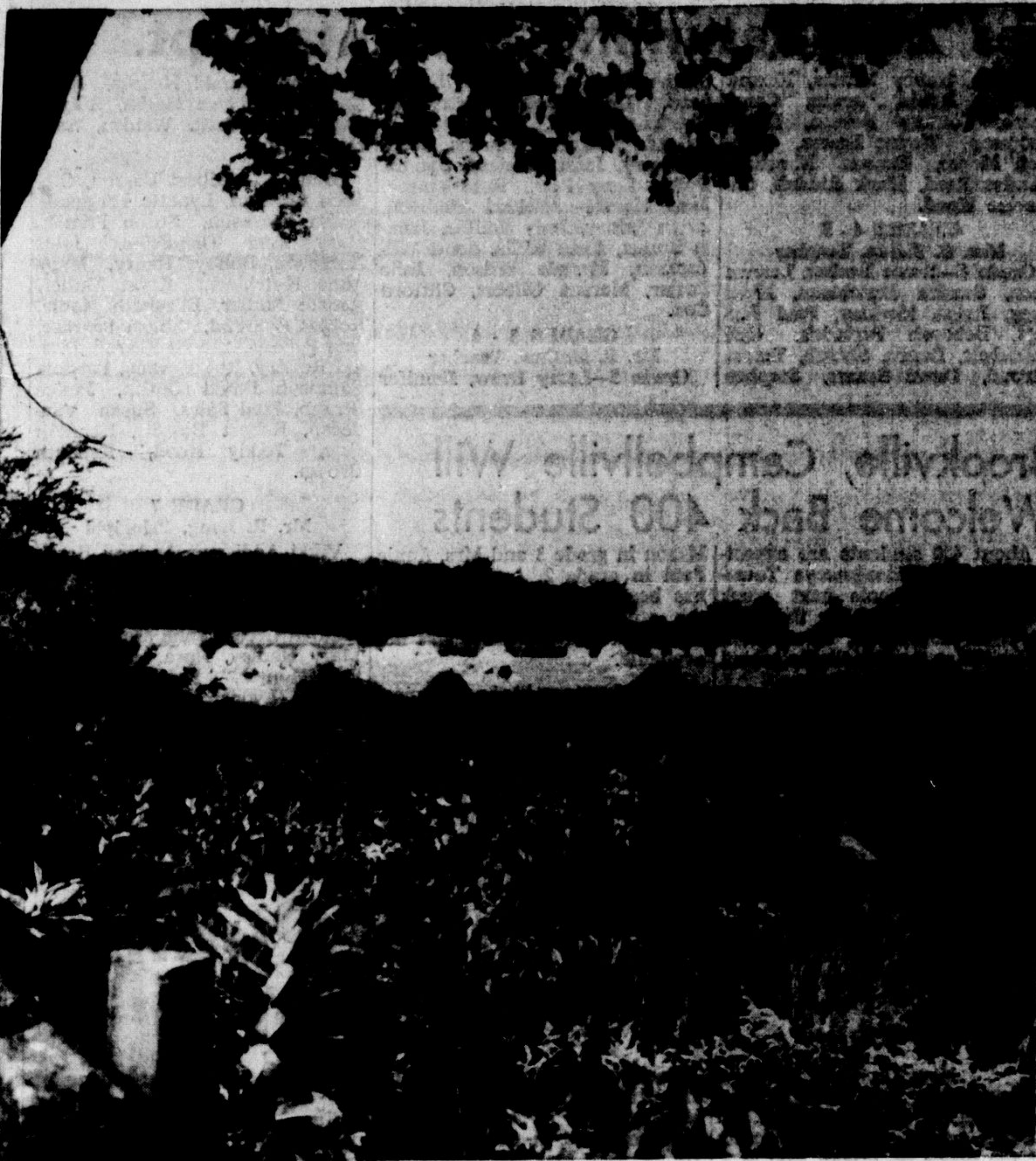
10. When in doubt, yield the right of way to the other driver.

## Population Growth

According to "The United Nations Statistical Year Book" for 1961, the population of the world will pass the total of three thousand million this year. The annual rate of increase is about 1.7 percent.

Holland is the most densely populated country in the world with 350 people per square kilometre.

## Harvest Time



—Photo by Esther Taylor



Jim's

## JOTTINGS

BY JIM DILLS

● JOHN PURDY'S suggestion about the establishment of a trailer park or camping ground, or picnic area in triangle park north of town has some real merit. More than that, it shows that citizens generally do do some thinking about the advantages and disadvantages of their particular town. Even the location of some picnic tables in one corner of the area would make it possible for some travellers from 401 to find a restful spot near Milton.

● INCIDENTALLY, if you've been complaining that there's never anything doing in Milton, be sure to mark September as a stay-at-home month. You can start out this weekend at the Steam and Antique show, take

in the Trade Fair about the 21st and see the Milton Fall Fair the next weekend when some of the best stock in Ontario will be in competition.

● FORCES ARE marshalling for the Vote Yes and the Vote No activity in Nassagaweya Township where liquor votes are scheduled for late September. Township voters will be faced with the decisions. I have my own ideas on this subject. I hope Nassagaweya ratepayers will have theirs.

● IF YOU'RE driving this weekend, take it easy, won't you? We don't like the kind of headlines bad accidents make.

● THE ENTRANCE to a town is mighty important in creating an overall impression of that town. Over Streetsville way on Saturday, I noticed some attractive entrance markers that stand out over the customary sign advertising service clubs and industrial sites. Another I still recall was a very attractive flower bed at Elora. Both left a lasting impression. What about our town?

● IF YOU heard of an industrial prospect that might locate in Milton, what would you do about it? I've often wondered if enough people know Milton well enough to sell it, and if they needed more information, whether they could get it. Is all the available information on Milton located at some central point?

## Sugar and Spice ...

BY BILL SMILEY

nervous? I doubt that, too. Poor or rich, skinny or fat, nervous or placid, secure or insecure, ugly or beautiful, they talk too much, and I honestly believe they can't help it.

Now, I'm not trying to suggest that men are strong, silent types who never open their mouths unless they are about to emit some morsel of wisdom. Some politicians and some preachers can talk more and say less than a whole gaggle of women but they are the

exceptions. Few men can talk endlessly, without apparent effort. Most women can. And do.

I am not suggesting that this is a bad thing, necessarily. The cheerful chirps of the ladies over the tea cups is a symbol that all's well with the world. The interminable telephone conversations about clothes and pickles and what Maisie said to Thelma are reassuring sounds in a far from reassuring society.

It is not the talk of women that sends nations reeling into annihilating wars. It is not the talk of women that introduces corruption into public affairs. It is not the talk of women that produces inflation, starvation and all the other "ations" that beset us.

No, these delights of the modern world are produced by the talking of men. It is the talking of women that hushes the frightened child, that soothes the old person in pain. It is the talking of women that keeps husbands from polygamy and a fondness for the grape. It is the talking of women that produces better schools and better hospitals.

There's no doubt about it. The hand that rocks the cradle rules the roost, or something. Like the weather, death and taxes, we can look forward to the talking of women as a sure thing and while it may fray the nerves to the shiekling point, at times, it will not likely do the world any permanent harm.

It's only useful as a weather-vane. Around our house, the only time the Old Girl stops talking is when she's mad. And when that happens, we all know enough to head for the storm cellars. For the last 20 years or so of his life, my Dad pretended he was so deaf he couldn't hear a word my mother said. And the longer I'm married, the more I respect his native cunning.

## THE TURNING POINT

by J. M. STARR

"Blessed is he that expecteth nothing, for lo, he shall not be disappointed!"

There is a certain group of young people who found this ancient proverb to be of special significance when applied to a T.V. studio. We accompanied this group of students who had been invited to be guest participants on one of the most popular teen-age programs one day last week. The air was electric with excitement and enthusiasm on the trip to the studio. They had all watched the program faithfully for some months and were spellbound with idea of taking part in such gay and glamorous surroundings. But, like the fabled "Ancient Mariner" lines, they were destined to be "Sadder and wiser, when they woke the morrow morn!"

The "Home-viewer," they soon realized, is the one who reaps the benefits . . . not those who are participating at the studio itself . . . when it comes to enjoying the program. Only at home in front of the T.V. screen does one glean the glamorous effects. They found, to their amazement, that the studio itself is only about one-quarter of the size it appears to be on the set at home, as the camera . . . focused on the people within inches of the lens for closeups . . . tends to produce an effect of great distance in the background, as it reduces the size of the performers beyond its close-up range so rapidly. A second camera was brought into play from an overhead position for the general views of the group. None of the conversation, from the studio floor was audible to the home T.V. audience, while at the same time the studio participants were unable to hear any of their M.C.'s comments! The young performers were all dressed for summer outdoor temperatures but found themselves wilting like flowers on the Sahara desert in the torrid temperatures produced under the huge batteries of lights never visible on the T.V. screen at home!

The flimsy and sleazy quality of the "props" was perhaps their greatest disillusionment. It was sobering indeed to find, as the song goes, "That it's only a Paper Moon, hanging over a Cardboard Sea!" — even more so when they appear to be something of real size and substance, with the shabby condition not even detectable to the home viewer. This very idea of tarnished finery and fabricated effect really shattered their conception of a T.V. studio . . . even more than the crowded quarters or the tropical heat! An amusing but final note of bewilderment came after they had stood in line for half an hour to receive the autograph of the American program's "teen-idol" soloist. On the back of his autographed photo was his address: "Port Arthur, Ontario!"

Do I create the feeling that they were unhappy with their experience? Quite the contrary. They had all made their T.V. debut and were pleased and much enlightened by the trip. It was indeed, an education in itself, and the benefits derived will be far-reaching. Their T.V. will now be viewed with an entirely new perspective and the experience will serve them well on many occasions. It will help

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## THE GOOD OLD DAYS

### 20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of The Canadian Champion, August 28, 1941.

Matt Telfer of Crediton, and R. S. Fleming of Forest, bank managers, are visiting relatives in Milton.

While picking some corn in her garden on Tuesday Mrs. John Jackson noticed one cob with a V on it.

The highway construction on No. 25 has been completed to Speyside and men are now working on the section nearest Acton.

Next Monday is Labor Day, a public holiday, when many Miltonians will attend the great Canadian National Exhibition.

Robert Lyle, son of Mrs. G. Lyle, John St., who has joined the R.C.A.F. as a gunner, left Hamilton on Monday for a military camp in Quebec.

On Saturday night the many friends of Ken and Joe Galloway, soldier sons of Mr. and Mrs. De Witt Galloway of Milton, got the thrill of their lives when they listened to the Soldiers' Overseas Program which came over CBL from London, England. The boys' voices were quite distinct and greatly pleased all those who had the pleasure of "listening in" to the fine program.

Doreen, Lauren and Merle Thompson, Lois Bundy and Maxine Morley held a miscellaneous sale of useful articles, such as canned goods, eggs, fruit, etc., which were donated by patriotic citizens, on the corner of Main and Martin Sts. on Saturday. The receipts of the sale, totalling \$16.75, were forwarded to the British War Victims' Fund. Well done, girls.

On Thursday evening the old market place took on an appearance of the gay nineties, the occasion being the holding of the local Red Cross street fair, when the citizens of Milton and district turned out in hundreds to enjoy the evening with the members of the Red Cross and Canadian Legion. The Oakville Citizens' Band, in their natty uniforms of bright blue trimmed with gold, paraded the Main St. playing snappy marches. Everyone was decked out in their Sunday best. There were games to suit everyone's fancy, and bingo seemed to be the most popular.

### 50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of The Canadian Champion, August 31, 1911.

Dr. R. K. Anderson has been laid up for a week with scarlet fever and has been very ill, but happily is getting along better. The doctor's house is quarantined.

We had a thunder storm in Milton on Sunday afternoon. The rain was so heavy the pavements were flooded in many places. There was vivid lightning and Matt Brush's house was struck. The bolt went down the chimney, knocking off several bricks, the casing of the door of the dining room was twisted and splintered, so was the base board for about six feet. One of Mr. Brush's daughters was knocked down and dazed, but she soon recovered.

Much enthusiasm is felt among the Liberals in these districts over the election prospects. Two public meetings were held in the interest of Walter Harland Smith of Trafalgar, Liberal candidate, on Monday evening at Burlington and Brockville.

On Friday the members of the Halton Press Association and their lady friends met at Oakville on the kind invitation of President A. S. Forster and left by autos for Grimsby. A delightful time was spent at the park at Grimsby.

Residents of Milton Heights have appealed for school accommodation for their children and a meeting was held Tuesday at the Lewis brick works in the village. Presently the students must walk to Ligny, or if the roads are bad they hold school in rented quarters at Milton Heights.

About 150 men went to Georgetown by special train on Tuesday to hear Sir James Whitney speak against reciprocity. The attendance was 2,000. There was a procession to the hall, headed by 30 men riding white horses. The band of the 20th Halton Rifles and Glen Williams band played marching music. Premier Whitney, Mr. Henderson and Mr. Nixon were in a carriage drawn by four grey horses. Mr. Henderson expressed confidence that he would be elected and Sir James spoke in his favor.

## AROUND THE DISTRICT

WITH ROY DOWNS

BRAMPTON — Can horses help build our hospitals? Peel County council thinks so, and has asked all municipal governments to support a resolution legalizing national hospital sweepstakes to raise funds for hospital expansion and construction. Sweepstakes would raise five to 10 million dollars a year and would take some of the burden off real estate tax, said Brampton's Anthony Wilson.

OAKVILLE — Rotarians are negotiating with Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for \$88,000 to construct an addition to their senior citizens' housing project. The Rotary now has 16 apartments renting to elderly citizens at \$80 per month, and plans to add 12 more apartments.

GEORGETOWN — Residents may soon face a "do-it-yourself" plan for consumers to read their own water meters. The system would work like the hydro system where residents fill in a card and mail it to the town office.

BURLINGTON — The town's controversial master plan was approved last week following a stormy meeting when ratepayers submitted briefs arguing against points in the overall zoning plan. The planning board approved the system and sent the plan to council.

ACTON — Attempting to cut down the "prohibitive" expense of twice-a-week garbage collection, council has cut collections to once a week. Mayor John Coy pointed out most of the garbage was being put out Mondays anyway.

ORANGEVILLE — Closed a year ago, two rural schools in Dufferin will be reopened next week to accommodate students who last year attended the Laural school. This school was destroyed by fire on the last day of the 1960-61 school year.

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I repeat, I'm not trying to be snide about this. It is merely an interesting phenomenon, which I think has had an overwhelming impact on world history. Who, for example, started chewing the fat with Eden? It wasn't Adam. And we all know where that bit of female blathering landed us.

Why do women talk so much? Is it because they feel insecure? I doubt it. Is it because they're