

Pipe Bandmen Hurt in Crash

Friends and fellow Lorne Scots Pipe Bandmen in Milton were sorry to learn of an accident last week in which the band's Pipe Major Joe Sellors and drummer Sgt. Jim Conn, both of Brampton, were injured. Sgt. Conn is still in a coma in Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital.

The two were heading for Oakville to take part in a parade welcoming the Jelinks home from Prague, when their car was in a head-on collision with another car on the Seventh Line just north of the Lower Base Line, Oakville. Police felt a mechanical defect in the other car might have caused the accident. The north-bound car apparently veered out of control in front of the bandmen's car.

Sgt. Conn suffered a fractured skull and fractured ribs, while P. M. Sellors has multiple fractured ribs, a fractured ankle and knee cap, and scalp cuts. The driver of the other car received a broken hip.



GIRLS 8 TO 11 had a league in Milton's Junior Bowling group, and this team coached by Miss Carol Rundle came first in the playoffs. In front from left to right are Gail Deforest (high double), Patricia Bousfield, Nancy Martin, Donna Wrigglesworth and Christine Kaszycki. In the rear are Carol Cannon (high single), coach Carol Rundle and Jackie Caughill.

Say Deficit is Nothing Sinister

During the next few weeks you are going to hear a great deal of nonsense about deficits from people who will suggest that the answers to most of your problems and mine can be found in a balanced budget. How absurd are we likely to get?

In the first place there is nothing whatever sinister in a deficit, any more than there is in your own use of personal credit to buy a home, to finance a car, or to provide your family with any number of desirable comforts or worthwhile advantages. Your use of credit depends on your needs and you limit your debts to your ability to repay without inconvenience. And this is the story of Ottawa.

Can't Afford Dislocation
This year's Federal Deficit has been estimated at \$745,000,000 — in other words your government will borrow this sum over and above the revenue it expects to collect in order to finance the things it feels are necessary for continued prosperity of this country. There are obviously any number of ways in which this deficit could be written off — by higher taxes for instance, by a reduction in expenditures in this area or in that one, but in no case could this be accomplished without creating some serious dislocation in your own economy or in that of the nation. Such dislocation is one of the things we cannot afford.

Having achieved one of the highest standards of living in the annals of humanity, Canadians should not now be expected to sacrifice part of it, in peacetime at any rate, for the empty achievement of a balanced budget, which, by itself, can mean very little to you or me.

Take a Look
Without dealing in more detail with the nature of current deficits, let's take a look at our debt position and our ability to repay. This year Canada's net national debt stands at a per capita level of \$716, a substantial amount. But in none of the years, 1952 to 1955 inclusive, under the former Liberal Administration was it so low.

Let's look at it as a percentage of your gross national product — perhaps a more realistic measure of our ability to repay. This year, the net national debt stands at 35.9 percent of our gross national product. And again this is a substantial percentage. Yet in none of the years, 1952 to 1957 (this time) inclusive, under a Liberal Administration, was it so low.

Alltime Record
This year, Canada's National debt is 13.2 billion dollars. Yet in 1961 alone, Canada's gross National product was 37.4 billion dollars, an alltime record and an increase incidentally of 6.8 billion dollars over the total for 1956, the last full year of Liberal administration.

Last year Canada's exports — another sound measure of the nation's ability to repay its debts — totalled 5.7 billion dollars, again an alltime high and an increase of 900 million dollars over the total for the year 1956, under a Liberal government.

Such is the record of the Diefenbaker government over that of the tired old administration it replaced.

Earned, Spent, Saved
But for a few more comparisons: Last year Canadians earned 28.7 billion dollars, compared to 21.6 billion dollars in 1956. They spent 24.6 billion dollars, compared to 18.8 billion in 1956. And they saved 1.7 billion as compared to 1.3 billion in 1956.

With the Diefenbaker government, Canadians last year earned more, spent more, and saved more than ever before in history. Let's keep it that way. — (Published by the Halton County Conservative Association.)

CONSERVATION
Throughout the year, officers of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests give lectures on conservation to school pupils and the general public in all parts of the province. Attendance in October was 8,437 at 168 meetings.



THESE FELLOWS WON top honors in the boys' 8 to 11 league of Milton's Junior Bowling set-up, and received Canadian Junior Bowling Council trophies at the bun-feed and presentation Saturday. From left to right, with their coach Stan Marsh, are Stephen Wellwood, Norman Kent, Allen Lynde, Brian Beene and Doug Bousfield.



MIXED LEAGUE CHAMPIONS are this group, who received their Canadian Junior Bowling Council trophies Saturday at the bun-feed and presentations. In front are Moira Keane, league supervisor Ruby Childs, and Dianne Breen; in the rear are Berto Zwolman, Bob Bassett, Don Merkley and George Maxwell. Alley owner Stan Chisholm, who helped defray the cost of the bun-feed, was praised for his help throughout the season.



HIGH SINGLE AND DOUBLE bowlers in the Junior Bowling league's mixed group were high doubler Don Gray and high singler Lynne Gundlack, front, and high singler Bryan Meechan and high doubler Moira Keane, rear. Jack Charlton, who was one of the chief organizers of the junior league this year, made the awards at Saturday's bun-feed. All the coaches and leaders were thanked for their work.

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