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# JOTTINGS

BY JIM DILLS

● WITH MILTON'S annexation hearing set for June it would seem wise for municipal officials to meet soon with those property owners in the affected area. Several efforts to have Esquering officials organize the meeting have failed for a variety of reasons and it would seem evident Milton should take the initiative. Those people in the area up for annexation have a pretty keen interest in what it all means and they are entitled, I think, to some explanations other than what may become evident in an official hearing.

● MILTON HAS never been much of a town for any semblance of an Easter parade. Sunday was no exception. Most of the moving things on Main St. Sunday afternoon were cars. Few people, despite ideal weather, chose to walk. Guess everybody was looking for the Easter parade and no one wanted to be in it. Yes, I was driving too.

● ALWAYS SEEMED to me that travel and education went together. When I was younger I longed for the cruise ship-school combination that would take students to the places about which they might study. I was a little amazed the other day to read of a floating university that takes approximately 750 U.S. students on two world cruises during which fully accredited college credits can be

obtained. The students will stop at such interesting places as Lisbon, Naples, Alexandria, Bombay, Hong Kong and Honolulu. Oh, yes, the price for the cruise — \$1,590 plus \$400 tuition fees.

● GRASS FIRES seem to be the most popular events these days and despite frequent warnings they still seem to be on the increase. It can save you a lot of trouble and exhaustion if you exercise care when you start burning grass or rubbish outdoors.

● TALK ABOUT tradition. The custom of brides saying their vows in a white wedding gown originated at the time of Napoleon when there was a tremendous vogue among the ladies of France for wearing white dresses on every festive occasion, bridal and otherwise. Up until Napoleon's time, the choice of wedding costume was a matter of individual taste and wedding gowns were made in any and every color — even red.

● IF YOU'VE NEVER sat through a municipal budget-paring session you've missed something. Picture nine men, each with some specific projects they hoped to accomplish, being battled down in the face of a rising mill rate, usually brought on by the increasing cost of education, over which they have no control,

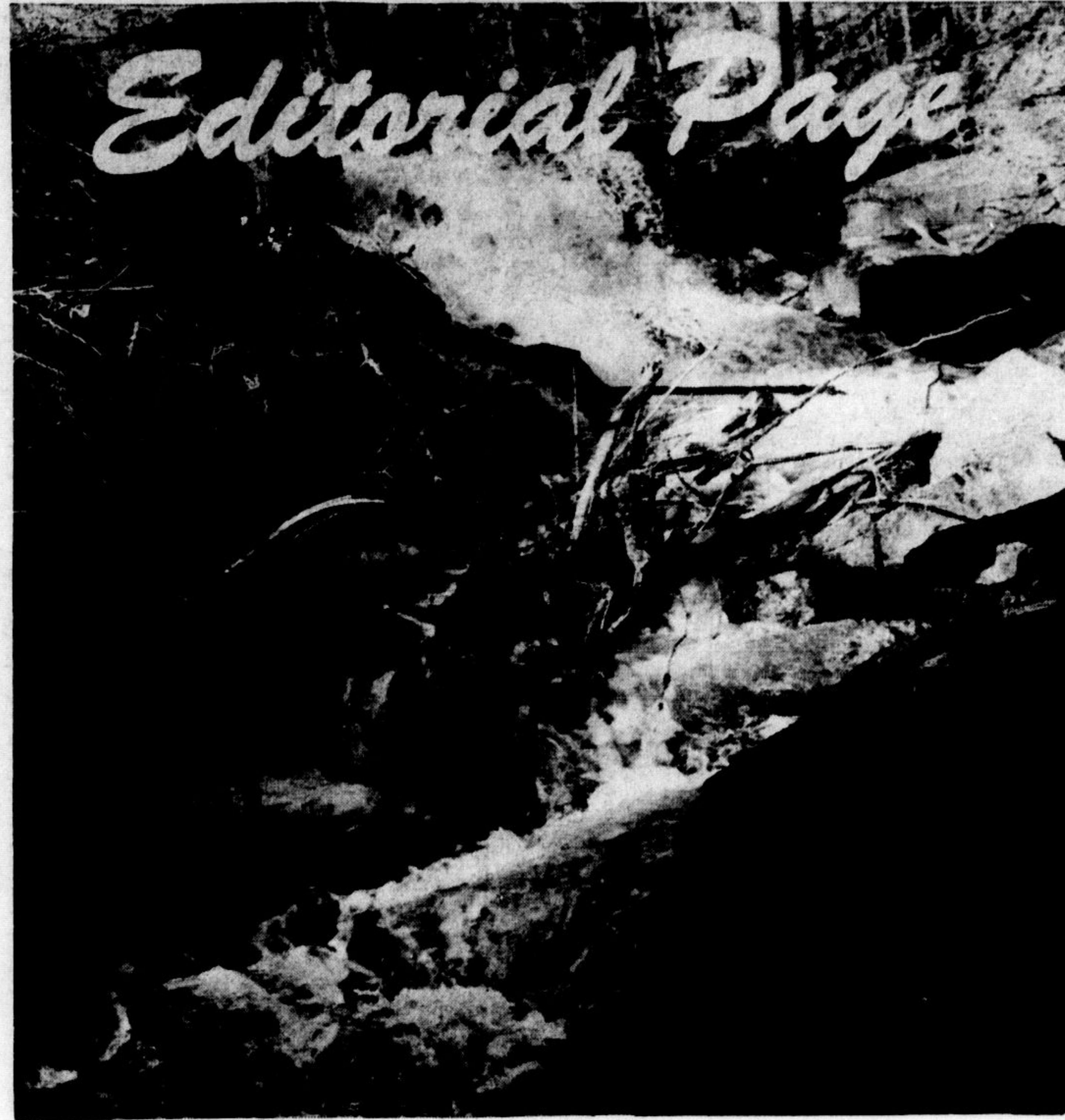
but for which, ultimately, they must take the responsibility in front of the public, when they bring down the final mill rate. Sometimes it can be as confusing as that sentence you've just struggled through.

● I HAVE BEEN charged, in a letter this week, with having discontinued a column because the writer's political views differed from my own. Had this been the case the column would not have been continued, as it was, up to and including the final issue prior to the election.

● TOOK A LOOK at the Home Show in Toronto Saturday and was slightly amazed at the number of interesting items displayed. It must make building a house or extension that much more complicated but of course also that much more challenging.

● A SLIGHTLY indisposed gentleman was downtown and suddenly realized that he was in no condition to find his way home by himself. He staggered into one of the telephone booths on the street and called his wife to come and get him. He couldn't tell her where he was, however, and on his wife's instructions he left the booth to get his bearings. When he returned to the telephone he was heard to exclaim: "I'm at the corner of Walk and Don't Walk."

## BEAUTY SPOT



—Staff Photo

### A Decision for the Future...

We can endorse the town's decision to service Hand Chemical Industries Ltd., providing no capital costs to the town are involved, even though the industry is not within the town boundaries.

Council's recommendation, including as it does an indication that efforts will be made toward annexation of the site, should make the matter clear to all concerned.

It appears the service demands of the industry are not excessive and the appearance of the industry itself should not detract from

the area when it is anticipated the head office will also be located on the site.

It is unfortunate a site within the town was not available but in these days of municipalities actively seeking industrial assessment, the road is not always clear of obstacles and the desires of the industry cannot be completely overlooked. Whether the site will continue to be just over the town boundary, or whether it will be eventually located within the town will be decided by the Ontario Municipal Board.

### That Important Fellow... the Volunteer...

The fifth annual Tri-County Juvenile Hockey Tournament on the weekend was successfully concluded on Saturday night.

It was a weekend of keen competition that saw teams from distant places like Ottawa, Peterborough, Petrolia, Port Dover, Aylmer and a number from closer centres on the ice. Many of these lads were accommodated in local homes and thus, to the players, the hospitality of Milton was evidenced.

To the average Miltonian, not sharply sports oriented, it may not even have been evident that a special tournament was taking place. But for dozens of volunteers who were in charge of the countless details in organizing the event, it was the most important thing taking place in the community.

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## THE GOOD OLD DAYS

### GLANCING BACK TO 10 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of the Canadian Champion, April 16, 1953.

Ratepayers of two Nelson township school sections waged a successful fight when Halton County council granted their request to establish a board of arbitration to hear their appeals in withdrawing from the Nelson school area. Over 20 ratepayers comprised a delegation which presented a petition to council last Tuesday afternoon.

At the Milton baseball meeting in the town hall on April 13, the election of officers resulted as follows: president, Murray Grenke, vice-president, E. Toietzka, secretary-treasurer, H. Coates and assistant secretary-treasurer, V. Grenke. Executive members elected were G. Tasker, J. Mountain, M. McConnell, K. Clements, B. Coulson and Mr. Marshall. Judge Munro, Mayor Thompson, W. I. Dick, Dr. C. K. Stevenson, Bruce Fitzgerald and C. G. Wilson were named as honorary presidents. Lorne Evans was named as manager and K. Clements was given charge of all minor ball.

The new addition to the Campbellville school will soon be completed and the primary grades, now in the Masonic Hall, will be moved to bright new quarters. The addition at the Campbellville school has large windows on one side, rubber tile floors and deflective lighting and many other new features. Miss June Watkins is the teacher of the primary group.

Work has begun on the new park playground on the site of Martin's flats. The land staked for the ball diamond was levelled with a little more levelling to be done to complete that phase of the project. Complete blueprints for the project have been received by the Rotary club officials.

The Athletic Association dance held on the Friday night after the exams at the high school, it was well attended by all the work-weary students. Some amusement was had at the expense of Earl Cairns and Will Carter records. (Don't worry Earl, a good time was had by all and everyone pitched into help clean up, after the surplus food that is.)

### GLANCING BACK TO 20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of the Canadian Champion April 15, 1943.

A reserve army public meeting of the citizens of the Town of Milton will be held in the Princess Theatre on Thursday April 15th, at 8.30 p.m. There will be an interesting program of pictures, war pictures, including the battle of the Coral Sea and Midway Island, comics and a short sing song. The Lorne Scots Band will furnish the music and a good speaker will explain the object of the meeting.

Privates E. and G. Thompson of Milton wish to thank the Red Cross, Daughters of the Empire, Canadian Legion and the Grace Anglican Church of Milton for the boxes and cigarettes they received. The boys, "Bus" and "Pud" say they sure were appreciated.

Jas. Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Anderson, who has been stationed at Dunnville with the Royal Canadian Air Force, left this week for Edmonton, Alberta, to which place he and others have been stationed.

The Dramatic Club of Nelson United Church will present a comedy in three acts, "Sis Perkins", in the Lowville United Church this Thursday evening. Rev. Kenneth Beaton of Toronto preached to a large audience in the Lowville United Church on Sunday morning.

The Earl of Glamis Chapter, I.O.D.E. will hold their regular monthly meeting at the home of Miss Mary McNabb, Bronte St., on Wednesday, April 21st.

The winner of the Scotch Block W.I. Quilt displayed, by the kindness of Selrite Store was Miss Lena McNally of Georgetown. Annual harbingers of spring arrived in Milton this week. The tulips and daffodils came well through the ground and with a couple of weeks of warm sunshine, we should see them in all their finery. Another welcome sign of spring is the arrival of the telephone book.

Meat rationing that will provide two pounds per person per week will begin in Canada this week.

### GLANCING BACK TO 50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of the Canadian Champion April 17, 1913.

The county council meets here today. A big deputation on behalf of the good road scheme for Dundas street is expected. It is understood that there will be another deputation from the base line east of Milton to complain of the exceedingly bad state of that road and to urge that it be improved and to protest against the expenditures of good roads money elsewhere in Trafalgar.

On account of want of room in the infant department of the public school, instructions were issued some time ago that no pupils of less than six years of age should be accepted, but the age limit fails to meet present conditions. Every seat in the infant department is now occupied and within a short time, at least 12 children have been turned away, some of them over age seven.

Last Monday two children, newcomers who have been attending school elsewhere, were rejected. There are 120 pupils in the department, too many for one teacher. A considerable increase in population is expected this year and prompt action to meet the situation is necessary.

P. L. Robertson's is one of the most progressive industries in the county and has a great future before it. By indomitable perseverance in the perfection of the socket screw, and the invention and installation of special machinery for its manufacturing, the president, P. L. Robertson and his staff of experienced associates, have given the industrial world a new screw, which, because of its utility, convenience and economy of time in handling, will be universally used as soon as the public realizes its value.

J. M. Denves, Public School Inspector, has issued a circular letter to the trustee boards of the county. He suggested that they hold a convention next fall. The bachelors and benedicts of Milton have issued invitations to an "at home" at the town hall on Thursday evening 24 inst.

## Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL SMILEY

I don't know what it's like for all you folks in inland towns, but this is a rugged time of year for the housewife in these parts, near the waters of the Great Lakes.

Right about now our women-folk should be coming into their own. In most localities, the ladies, bless and praise them, are working like beavers, groaning like galley slaves, hounding their husbands, chastising their children, and generally making life unbearable for all about them. It's house-cleaning time.

But in this neck of the woods, things are different. The gals work just as hard, beef just as bitterly, and turn things just as topsy-turvy as their inland sisters. But nobody pays any attention to them. At least none of the males in the family do.

Only the few women with the foresight to get at their spring cleaning early in March get much reaction around here. Those who leave it until the ice goes out of the creeks might as well forget about getting any help, attention or sympathy.

Women carefully lay their plans to have the old man help them paper a room on his day off. Comes the time. She gets all the junk out to do the job, turns around to call him, and he isn't there. He's a couple or 10 miles away, watching the rainbow trout trying to jump the falls, or muckling about the banks of a stream looking for speckled, or splashing about at the mouth of creek seeking some sign of the smelt running.

He arrives home about four p.m. Old lady has just washed the paste off her hands, brushed the cobwebs out of her hair, and put adhesive tape on the scrape she got on her elbow when she fell off the step-ladder. She's sitting down with a strong cup of tea, trying to tell herself to be reasonable, trying to muster enough strength to begin peeling the potatoes for dinner.

"Let's get at that job, kiddo," he cries jauntily, his face glowing from fresh air.

"We'll never get that papering done sitting around drinking tea, will we?" As this is a family type column, I shall draw a discreet veil over the rest of the scene.

But this is only the first phase in the spring hardships of the lakeside ladies. They've almost got used to it, over the years. They realize that "Do It Yourself" is more than a slogan. It's a way of life. The real ordeal lies ahead.

This commences when the smelt actually start to run, and the perch are running right on their heels. The girls don't mind their men going smelting at 1 a.m., and crawling into bed cold and damp, about four in the morning. They've got used to going down to get breakfast and finding a 10-quart pail of smelt sitting in the middle of the kitchen to be cleaned.

They are not really dismayed about standing over a hot stove for a couple of hours frying, smelt fumes wreathing their rosy faces, while the family works its way through about 20 pounds of the wee crisp beauties like a school of porpoise cleaving its way through a gaggle of herring. This is routine.

But there comes a breaking point. After this smelt nonsense has been going on for about 10 days, even the old man and the kids turn a bit green when somebody suggests a "nice feed of smelt." And that's about the time it usually happens. One day the lady of the house answers the doorbell, and there stands one of the neighbors.

"Thought you might like a little treat," he grins, and steps aside to display proudly a bushel basket overflowing with uncleaned smelt.

That is the day the man of the house comes home from work to find his smelt net ripped to ribbons, his chest-high waders chopped into two-inch squares, sixty pounds of smelt rotting in a heap on the front porch, and his wife facing a suit, entered by the neighbor, for assault with a deadly weapon; namely, a smelt.



## DOWN(S) IN THIS CORNER

WITH ROY DOWNS

WHAT IS THIS thing called golf?

With the duffing season just around the corner, we are pleased to present this layman's analysis of the great outdoor game. The opinions expressed are strictly those of the writer.

A. The game is played on a carefully selected farmer's field with the little white balls and as many sticks (or clubs) as the player can afford.

B. These balls cost from 50 cents to \$25 and it would be possible to support a family of 10 people (all adults) for five months on the money representing the balls lost by some golfers in a single afternoon.

C. A class distinction in golf is easily recognized, for it is based on the manner in which a golfer transports his bag full of clubs, suntan lotion and other equipment around the course. Those in the under \$5,000 a year income bracket carry their bags. If you make between \$5,000 and \$15,000 a year, you buy a cart and wheel the tools along. But those in the \$25,000 to \$100,000 bracket hire caddies to carry their clubs. And if you reach the upper plateau wage bracket, over \$100,000, you buy a little car to drive from hole to hole.

D. A golf course has 18 holes,

17 of which are unnecessary and are just put in to give the players exercise. No matter how many strokes a golfer takes during the game, he is always "one up" or "one down" on his opponent at the start of the 18th hole.

E. A "hole" is a tiny tin cup in the centre of a "green". The "green" is a small parcel of grass costing about \$1.98 a blade and usually located between a brook and a couple of apple trees, or a lot of "unfinished excavations." Greens are specially designed to make your ball roll away from the cup. They are either "fast" or "slow" and no two are alike on any golf course.

F. A "tee" is a place to start shooting your ball at the next hole. It is also a place where the foursome playing the game, gathers for "refreshment." These gatherings become more frequent and more noisy as the game progresses, if they use the kind of "refreshments" we've seen them using.

G. The idea of the game is to get the golf ball from the tee-in to each of the 18 cups, with the fewest strokes and the greatest possible number of cuss-words. The ball must not be thrown, pushed, kicked or carried. It is propelled by about \$200 worth of curious looking instruments called clubs, that are especially

designed to provoke the owner. Each Club is numbered, and each number stands for the swear word you holler after using the club. Code numbers for the club cusses are available at every golf course.

H. After each hole has been completed, the golfer counts his strokes, subtracts six, and says "Made it in five." If he's keeping his own score, he writes down four. Then he turns to his opponent and says "shall we play for 50 cents on the next hole too?"

I. After the 18th hole he complains about the course, the opponents, the sun, the wind the clubs, the balls, the heat, the cold, and anything else he can blame for his score. He adds up his scoresheet and stops when he reaches 86. Then he has a swim, drinks a pint of firewater, sings "Sweet Adeline" with six or eight other liars, and calls it the end of a perfect day.

"THERE ARE hundreds of ways to make money," the politician thundered, "but only one honest way."

"What's that?" asked his opponent in the debate.

"Aha," retorted the first, "I thought you wouldn't know."

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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

GEORGETOWN — A committee is forming to work toward the beginning of a new park in Georgetown, to mark the town's centennial year in 1964. The park would be located in an eastern portion of the town.

BRAMPTON — Chinguacousy Councillor Ron Weir's toughest constituents are dogs, or so he claims. He told councillors "a delegation of dogs" had approached him and demanded hydrants in the new satellite town be painted. Council agreed to painting them with fluorescent paint, at \$60 a gallon. (Probably to help the dogs find them at night).

STREETSVILLE — The town has instruments and a bandmaster, but no band. The Recreation Committee was asked to form one by former band president Jack Bailey. The town has had a band for over 100 years until it was disbanded recently.

BURLINGTON — If baseball groups want money for new playing facilities in future, they'll have to raise it by public subscription. Council has turned down a request to add \$2,300 to the recreation and parks budget for ball facilities. Of this, \$1,800 was for a new diamond to handle extra teams expected this year in minor ball.

OAKVILLE — If Oakville Board of Education's proposed \$5,000,000 budget is accepted by council, it will mean a three mill increase in 1973 taxes. Teachers' salaries make up 58 percent of the education costs, with debentures another 16 percent.

COOKSVILLE — Within five years, a new university is expected to be established somewhere in Toronto Township (South Peel), to serve the Oakville, Burlington, Peel County and west Metro areas. No site has been announced but Education Minister William G. Davis said last week it would definitely be in the township. A similar college is planned in Scarborough.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The Ontario Safety League quotes this from Charles Dickens: "Life is given to us on the strict understanding that we guard it to the end".