



# JIM'S JOTTINGS

BY JIM DILLS

● SAY, SUNDAY was really one of those early spring days that make you want to walk through a bush, wasn't it? Well our family managed to coordinate its efforts in that direction and it was a welcome outing. Even those early heralds of spring, the hepatica, were out in all their glory to add to the occasion.

● AND SPEAKING of spring, you might enjoy a tramp around the Kelso Conservation Area. The grass is greening up, the wide open spaces beckon, the lake is full, and the picnic tables will soon be making their appearance. It's a wonderful spot when you pick your vantage point and look out to the natural wonder of the mighty escarpment on one side and the contribution of modern man in the ribbon of asphalt known as 401 on the other.

● THERE'S AN element of spring, too, in the announcement that the tennis club is going to try again to get things going on the local courts. Undoubtedly there are enough willing players, but there just might be a shortage of willing workers. And it's the workers that have to come first or there won't be any courts

at all. There won't be any town aid, apparently, since council cut the \$200 earmarked for that purpose from the recreation committee budget. Oh well, sometimes the do-it-yourself projects are more successful anyway.

● JUST TO PUT a little excitement into the arrival of spring the Chamber of Commerce, with the co-operation of the local merchants, has lined up a week-long carnival of rides and fun. Best part of it all is that free tickets for the rides can be obtained on a variety of plans at most local stores. Oh yes, there'll be tickets on sale too, I'm told, as well as the excitement of naming Miss Milton Chamber of Commerce.

● AND IF YOU'RE still not in the mood for spring, perhaps the arrival of the circus to town will encourage you to get the spirit. Yes, the Lions Club is going to greet the circus in late May and set them up in town, all in the name of sweet local charity (the proceeds that is). They've promised animal and high wire acts, all under the big top. Think I'll watch them set up myself.

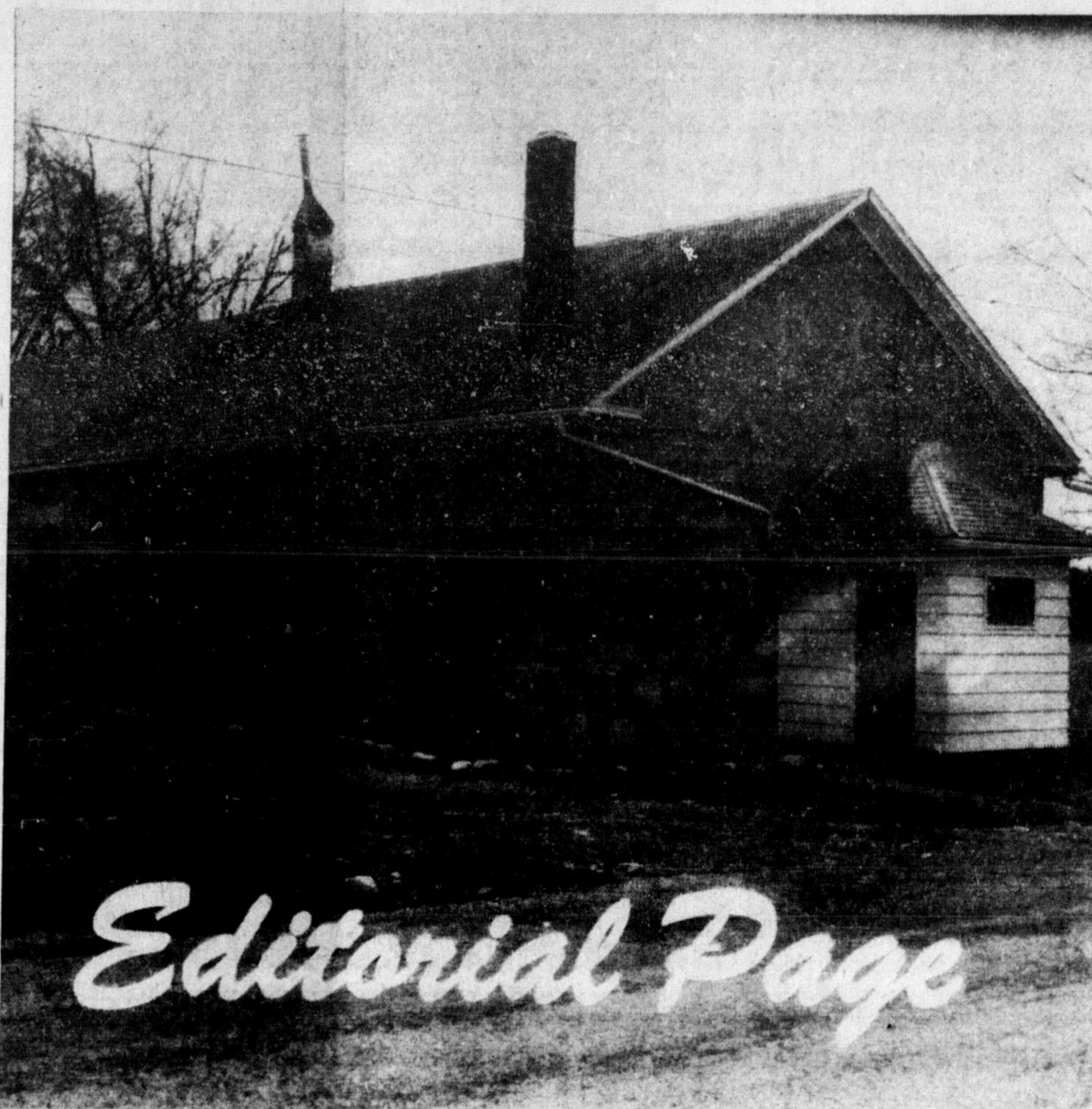
● NOW IF YOU are just bursting with enthusiasm for the great

spring and summer ahead, sit down and write out a cheque or payroll deduction to the Milton Community swimming Pool Fund. There's a \$10,000 deficit the committee is understandably anxious to clean up, and in the face of the tremendous community effort extended in getting it this far along, the balance should be easy to conclude. But that depends on all of us doing something about it. And now is as good a time as any.

● TO THOSE who anxiously await the re-opening of the library, I'll pass on what one observer reported to me. He said it was really going to be terrific compared with the quarters previously well-known to members.

● ONE FINAL WORD of commendation to the Milton District University Women's Club for arranging what looked to me like a tremendous line-up of highly competent speakers for their career night at the high school. Students were able to hear talks and ask questions concerning 24 different vocations. It was, I imagine, a worthwhile evening for students who must have many questions about choosing a career in this rapidly changing and increasingly complex world.

## "What Happens Next?"



—Staff Photo

No. 3 SCHOOL in Nassagaweya Township will come under fire Monday evening when a delegation of ratepayers will attend township council meeting to propose converting the old school to house new township offices. A petition has been circulated throughout the township and this will be presented Monday night.

### Half a Century of Service . . .

This week Milton Hydro Electric Commission marks a half century of service to the community. It is a milestone worthy of note and members of the local commission have evidenced wisdom in taking time out to give the occasion some special significance.

In particular, we feel they deserve great credit for arranging the exterior illumination of the town hall. Too often, we who grow accustomed to spending some time in the building, overlook its exterior characteristics, mellowed with age. The provision of illumination on the exterior will highlight some of the very real character the building lends to the downtown area.

The illumination will also provide a constant reminder that times have changed dramatically since the introduction of the first electric light bulbs on Milton streets back in 1891. Things were started with the installation of 15 street lights to replace the former 40 coal oil lamps that provided the only illumination in the winter nights of those nineteenth century times.

The increasing demands for the "flaming electric light" and the power for industry

were evidenced here as town councillors sought to meet the need. In 1912 the citizens of Milton were given an opportunity to vote on whether the town should join the family of Ontario Hydro Municipalities. The vote must have set some sort of record for only four votes were cast in opposition and 185 supported the link. In 1914 then, the first Milton Hydro Electric Commission was formed to administer this important utility.

Today one can barely imagine a Milton without electricity. Perhaps a few of the early residents can flash their memory back to the mite of the tallow candle and the coal oil lantern, but none can imagine the industry of today powered with an energy other than electricity for the great array of motors that would be unknown in earlier times.

The Champion joins with Milton industry, commerce and citizens in extending congratulations to the Milton Hydro Electric Commission. Those who have served on the Commission and for the Commission, deserve praise for their contribution to the development of power and power facilities for a growing community.

### A Cruel Misconception . . .

The problem of mental health is gaining increasing attention but there are generations of misconceptions to be wiped out before the most effective possible treatment can be achieved.

Once mentally ill, always mentally ill. This is one of the cruellest of all misconceptions held about the mentally ill. It is in fact quite untrue. Today, of all first admissions to mental hospitals about 60 per cent are discharged within one year. The percentage of discharge is even higher if admissions to psychiatric units of general hospitals are included. Practically all patients admitted to these units are discharged within three months and most of them within one month.

Unfortunately, however, between 30 per cent and 40 per cent of these patients have to be re-admitted later for further treatment.

This is where that cruel misconception can have an adverse effect. Many patients who break down a second time would probably have remained well if they had received the friendly help and acceptance they needed after their first illness.

Instead, these patients too often meet suspicion, lack of understanding, almost fear, on the part of acquaintances and prospective employers who learn about their illness.

The Canadian Mental Health Association is trying to meet the need for follow-up services for the mentally ill at White Cross centres. But some patients may need re-training; others a period in a sheltered environment or guidance in choosing a job. Probably though, most need a settling-in period and someone readily available with whom they can discuss problems.

The thing they least need is the suspicion, the lack of understanding and even fear that the average individual extends if they learn another has been mentally ill.

This year April 26 to May 2 is being observed as Mental Health Week and it is an excellent time for all of us to give thought to the part we may play in helping others.

Some women never learn to drive a car, preferring instead to act in an advisory capacity. —Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

If the increase in postal rates will reduce the flood of junk mail that plugs the mail boxes, many householders will be able to see a silver lining. —Edmonton Journal.

It is tainted money when it 'taint mine or 'taint yours. —Stratford Beacon-Herald

## Sugar and Spice . . .

BY BILL SMILEY

What would you like to find, most, when you go to heaven? Let's assume, for one wild, exhilarated moment, that we're all going to get there.

Some people would plump for a meeting with loved ones. This I can never understand. It's like a fellow who has served a life sentence waiting to be greeted by the warden when he hits the pearly gates.

Others, sad souls, would be overjoyed if they could "just be happy." Not me. Being happy all the time would be a real drag. I thoroughly enjoy being miserable on this orb, so that when something good happens, my pleasure is intensified.

Quite a few who suffer from physical ailments, would be satisfied with peace and comfort. The insomniac imagines days and nights of solid slumber. The arthritic dreams of being able to scratch his opposite ear without feeling as though his arm was being severed at the shoulder by a red-hot iron.

Flat-chested girls would settle for a mammoth bosom. They forget that none of the rest of us would be interested.

Some chaps I know would be perfectly happy to leave anytime if they could count on a golf course with emerald fairways and velvet greens, 18 holes a day in which they sliced not, nor did they hook, and a good game of poker at the 19th.

Many sober citizens I know would be happy in heaven forever afterwards, if they could be guaranteed (and get it in writing) that their wives (or husbands) would be in the other place, permanently.

Alcoholics would not only be in heaven, but the seventh of the same name, if their crock ranneth over, perpetually, and somebody else was looking after things.

A few millionaires, once they had admitted they couldn't take it with them, would be serene in a place where there were no taxes, no labor movements, no wages to pay, and nobody asking them to donate to something every 12 minutes.

My personal fantasy is a simple one. I'd go like a shot if someone would promise me, unconditionally, a dark, swirl-

ing trout stream, impregnable to invasion by women, telephones and other nuisances.

I can see it now. Swift, deep, crooked, ending in a vast, silent, mysterious beaver pond, loaded with lunkers. I can hear it: the exciting mutter of a small dam just around the bend; the splash of a startled frog; the sudden, heart-stopping take-off of a disturbed partridge; the whack of a beaver trail.

However, since my chances of getting to heaven are just about as slim as my chances of a personal trout stream if I did get there, I guess I'll settle, on Opening Day, for my old haunt, the Secret Place where the Big Ones Are. Not a soul knows about it, except me. And the 900 noisy characters who have heard about it since last year.

Heaven, thou art distant, yet, I would work like heck to get there, if thou couldst condone, A stream for me—and me alone.



## DOWN(S) IN THIS CORNER

WITH ROY DOWNS

ABOUT TIME the heading on this column got changed — from "Down(s) in This Corner" to the new vogue, "402-349-872 in This Corner."

Yes, I've been regimented, numbered, processed and (apparently) approved as a resident of the Dominion of Canada — I can now use Social Security Number 402-349-872 as my alias. They tell me all I have to do is whisper the magic numbers and I can even get unemployment benefits or find a new job, if I'm ever out of work.

WELL, MAYBE it's time for an overall change of this column's heading. My wife and my other two readers (mother and aunt) don't like the picture of me that appears in the heading. I'm not too happy with it myself, but after all, I've only got one face.

If only I could find a camera that ties a little . . .

JIM LAMPMAN, publicity manager for the harness horse division of the vast empire of E. P. (for Empty Pockets) Taylor and the Ontario Jockey Club, is a great man for figures.

He's pretty good with female figures (should see some of the publicity stills he sends out to newspapers — imagine bathing beauties promoting such a dis-

connected venture as harness racing). But he's also a good man with FACTS and figures on the sport that's gradually beating out blonde-chasing as man's No. 1 pastime.

Jim (and the O.J.C.'s money) wined and dined a crew of press types last week at the fabulous Ports of Call — a natural globe-trotting world cruise-type night club in Toronto — and after such a big red-carpet treatment we feel compelled to give Jim and his sport a plug (no pun intended) in this Corner.

"Over a million," Jim begins, "attended harness racing in Ontario last year, a 28 per cent increase over the preceding year."

A little old lady called The Province of Ontario made a lot of money at the tracks last year, without betting a cent. The Provincial coffers were richer by \$2,304,000 when the last photo finish was recorded last fall, thanks to the Ontario six per cent tax on pari-mutuel wagering.

Lampman goes on to point out the Jockey Club will spend over \$1,700,000 a year in track wages alone, when they have their third harness haven open at St. Catharines this fall. The other tracks are Greenwood (where they're trotting right now) and Mohawk at nearby Campbellville, which opened last spring.

Two Canadians made enough money jockeying sidewheelers last year, to place third and fifth in the North American money standings. Four Canadians made fourth, sixth, seventh and 10th in the list of the top 10 drivers (winwise) in North America in 1963, says the P.R. manager.

Jim goes on and on with his interesting stories on the sport. He is looking forward (like the rest of us are) to the spring start at Mohawk Raceway May 4. The injun trail pony ranch gets an extended tour of duty this year, with the spring meet lasting till June 13, and the late fall meet running November 2 to December 5. Nothing like a rousing dash in the chilly winter air, what?

That gives me unlucky bettors a little less than three weeks to build the bank account back up for Christmas shopping. But don't blow too much on Christmas fellows, there's a new runner in the air. They may start trotting again at Garden City (St. Kit's) right after New Year's.

MILTON IS a wonderful place, if you don't think so, ask Mrs. Edith Bond of Reading, England. She's a sister of George Whitney of town, and visited here for a month last summer. George says she loved the place.

She loved it so much, and met so many nice people during her short stay here, she says, she demanded that George pass on his copy of The Champion each week. So once a month or so, George bundles up four or five issues and sends them off to his sister in England.

It's not very often The Champion gets such an avid reader when the person's only been in town a month.

### CONSERVATION

Many think of conservation of our natural resources as a costly expenditure that will benefit only our great-grandchildren.

Reforestation today will directly benefit those under twenty before they are fifty, and give us increased water powers in another ten years. Is that too long to wait for a national investment to pay dividends and give employment?

—Muskoka News

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## THE GOOD OLD DAYS

### GLANCING BACK TO 10 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of the Canadian Champion, April 29, 1954.

Milton is the chosen location for a new industry that will employ 100, according to an announcement this week by D. L. Gibson, in charge of co-ordination of Milton (Can.) Industrial Development Co. According to the restricted announcement the new industry is not in any way connected to the automotive industry. The industry, established 114 years is being brought here by the Milton (Canada) Development Co. Describing the operations of his development firm that controls areas of land in Milton, Mr. Gibson suggested in an interview that within five years the population of Milton would be 10,000 based on plans already prepared.

Safe driving records held by employees of Hayward Transport were recognized at a social evening in the Milton Town Hall this week. Awards were presented to James Morton, Frank Her-

man, John Dixon, Fred Gill, Ivan Booker, Harold Morton, Ronald Roberts, Carl Foreman, Keith Brown, Ellis Elsley, James Moffat, Lawrence Scott, Gordon Burke and John Brown.

Assessor F. McNiven this week emphasized Milton's growth by pointing to the addition of 40 new people who moved into Milton homes on Mountainview Dr. during the month of April.

An engineering triumvirate may be formed for the hiring of a full time engineer by Milton, Acton and Georgetown if the plan outlined by Reeve Martin at Monday's council meeting is acceptable in the two municipalities. Introducing the suggestion of council, Dr. Martin explained the three municipalities might hire one engineer who would live in one of the centres and be available to the three for consultation and planning purposes. Division of costs would be based on the amount of time used in each of the towns.

### GLANCING BACK TO 20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of the Canadian Champion, April 27, 1944.

Under the slogan, put liberty first, Canada has entered on her Sixth Victory Loan, Canadians are asked to loan the immense sum of \$1,200,000.01 to Canada, so that Canada and Canadians may carry on their share in the Empire with her Allies in this colossal fight for freedom. We in this district are asked to do our share and it is hoped that as in former loans, we will see to it that our quota of \$350,000 is reached. Starting last Monday, the same canvassers as in former loans will call on you. In Nelson district, Chas. Readhead; in Trafalgar, Fred Robinson and George Kennedy; in Esquesing, Harry Robertson; in Milton, W. P. Cooke, Gordon McNabb and L. H. Servos.

The new playground for Milton children was the chief topic at the dinner meeting on Tuesday evening of Milton Board of Trade. Reports were given from the various committees at work on the project and correspondence with Mr. Herbert of the Y.M.C.A. in securing a competent supervisor was read. The play-

ground committee was named by the chairman.

W. E. Copps, musical supervisor for many Peel schools has approved the song "When the Boys Come Marching Home Again" for use in the schools. This song was written by Eddie Foley of Toronto. During the past few months Mr. Foley has been travelling about the country singing the song at various army camps. He was in Milton this week and met Frank Brown and Margaret Morrison to exchange views on song writing, and was intensely interested in the progress they have made.

The annual meeting of Mountain Union Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. J. E. Whitelock with president Mrs. John Marshall in the chair. Officers elected at the meeting were honorary president Mrs. F. Hadley; president Mrs. John Marshall; 1st vice-president Mrs. William Hume; 2nd vice-president Mrs. Amos Newell; secretary-treasurer Mrs. J. Whitelock; assistant secretary Mrs. James Robertson; Chairman finance committee Mrs. Frank Hadley; chairman of War Work Committee Mrs. C. Lush.

### GLANCING BACK TO 50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of the Canadian Champion, April 30, 1914.

Some young lads have been pulling off some daring stunts in town lately. One day last week two boys held up another boy near Church Avenue, and while one held him down, putting his hand over his mouth to keep him quiet, the other lad went through his pockets and relieved him of \$1.25. The boys are known and the matter has been reported to the authorities. On Tuesday morning one old lady left a couple of papers in the doorway of a butcher shop while she went inside and when she returned they were gone. Another lady says she saw two lads disappear around the corner with the papers.

R. L. Hemstreet has finished his work as assessor for 1914. He says his roll makes Milton's population 2,053, a gain of nearly 100 over last year. The assessment has increased about \$25,000.

About three weeks ago some butter was stolen from a rig in Knox Church driving shed and was hawked through the town and sold at only 10 cents a pound.

Chief Constable Chapman investigated and discovered who the thieves were.

The Drumquin post office has been closed lately, owing to the rural mail route of Hornby, numbers one and two covering the entire mail district as the post office did in days gone by.

Last week the owner of a lot in the old cemetery wrote to the Champion. The bodies of members of his family lie in the lot and he lives in Halton. He says he is ready to pay \$10 towards a new fence and the work of cleaning up and putting the cemetery into decent condition. Doubtless other owners of the lots are willing to subscribe and contributions can be had from other sources. Who will take the matter in hand, circulate a subscription list, petition the town council for assistance and arrange for the work necessary?

Joseph Ford, Mill St., reports that on several nights stones were thrown through windows of his house after he had gone to bed. He is on the trail of the offenders and will prosecute them if he can get sufficient evidence.

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

GEORGETOWN — Industry-hungry Georgetown will see its industrial balance slip back a notch in about two weeks when H.L.O. equipment, a structural steel firm on King St. shifts its operation out of town. The plant, which employs 47, will move to a new location on Dixie Road at the 401 Highway.

ACTON — The town will continue to prosper and grow, according to a report submitted recently following a survey of the town by 21 University of Toronto students. The students painted a rosy picture for Acton's future, stating that it is located in an enviable position in Halton County and has easy access to major traffic routes. The report came with complete historical data, planning maps, comments and recommendations covering the main phases of the town. Major among the recommendations was the need for a new town library.

STREETSVILLE — A bottle dropped in the Atlantic ocean by Jack Spear of Streetsville took a year to reach Ireland. Mr. Spear said he received a letter from P. J. Mullion of Lilloron Aron Isle, Frenchman's Beach, Galway Island, Eire, telling of the bottle's recovery by his eight-year-old son. Mr. Spear deposited two bottles in the ocean last year, on his way to England when he was about 900 miles out of New York.

BURLINGTON — The town may face the prospects of a giant "clean-up" if a "Vac-All" is purchased this year. The gigantic vacuum-type cleaner would be suitable for cleaning catch basins, sweeping streets, washing them and repairing sewers in wet ground. A council committee has been named to study the cost and other factors concerning this machine, before a decision is made about purchasing it.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Sometimes with secret pride I sigh To think how tolerant am I; Then wonder which is really mine: Tolerance, or a rubber spine?

Ogden Nash, 1902