



Jim's JOTTINGS

BY JIM DILLS

● **PLANNING** an event in Milton has certain accompanying hazards. It's quite possible the night you or your organization picks will also be the same one chosen by a number of other groups. Milton isn't unique in this problem but Milton does seem to have a tremendous number of organizations and this often leads to conflict. The Chamber of Commerce office is trying to do something about it, but whether it will be successful is dependent on the support it receives. Organizations are asked to list their events, in writing, so they may be posted to a composite calendar.

● **OF COURSE** even that is no guarantee the date will be honored by other organizations. Some other group with perhaps a more attractive project could go ahead feeling they had nothing to fear in the competition.

This is where the system starts to break down.

● **ORGANIZATIONS** have for years been "reserving" dates through the Coming Events column in The Champion but we can't guarantee the date will be reserved either.

● **ALL THIS** is the sign of a busy town. If some solution can be found to avoid conflicting dates it will be helpful. The Chamber is willing to try. If it doesn't work, organizations will be the losers.

● **APPARENTLY** Magistrate Black is taking as dim a view as others of some of the "punk" driving that involves squealing tires and erratic courses. In court last week he warned he had a simple solution to the problem through increased penalties. That was after he had proven it by handing out a pen-

alty of 20 days and a year's license suspension on a charge of careless driving. No doubt local tire squealers have already heard about the action and warning by now. News like that travels quickly.

● **THE BLOSSOMS** on the Martin St. boulevard made a good showing this year and when they've had time to grow to a better size they'll undoubtedly be quite attractive. It's too bad more town streets couldn't be lined with similar flowering trees. The co-operative tree planting program between the town and residents will have its effects over a period of years. This year the community is richer by 26 trees through the program in which the town pays half the cost and the resident half, for trees planted on or adjacent to the property line. The resident undertakes to care for the tree through its early growth.

Sugar and Spice ...

BY BILL SMILEY



What this country needs is a good, five-cent civil war. It might relieve some of the pus and venom that seems to be filling Canadians these days, and get them back to the important things of life, like making money, love and rock gardens.

Symptoms of the national ulcer are everywhere: the ferocity of the Canadian flag argument; the lurking threat of violence in Quebec; the growing defiance of police by youth gangs; the increase in homicidal tactics on our highways.

Perhaps a little bloodletting would purge our native land of this tendency to quibble and squabble about everything from the national anthem to the water level in the Great Lakes.

There is also the matter of international prestige. All the big boys — England, France, Russia, the U.S., China — have been through an all-out civil war, and gone on to greater things. In each case the country was so whacked out by the end of the war that everybody stopped bickering and complaining, and got down to the job of becoming a Great Nation.

How can we hope to gain re-

spect of the world if we never go through a testing time of seething hatred, unmentionable cruelties, gallant guerrillas, and all the other ingredients of a good civil war?

How is our national character to be transformed from lumpy porridge to forged steel if we never throw a Molotov cocktail, blow up a bridge, or hurl ourselves, barehanded, against tanks?

We should be ashamed of ourselves. Mumbling and grumbling about the CBC and the NDP and the Red Ensign and "O Canada and what's for supper, when we could be stringing up cabinet ministers, dynamiting the Soo locks, and sacking the O'Keefe Centre.

The Irish had a rebellion nearly 50 years ago. It lasted a few days but they've written countless books about it, and every Irishman over the age of 20 swears he was in it, though he'll admit he was only a broth of a boy at the time. Why can't we have some grand traditions like that?

Think of the stories we'd have to hand down to our ancestors. "Yes, Homer, your granddaddy was there, back in '64, when the

Legion, enraged about the flag, marched on Ottawa. Mayor Charlotte Whitton slowed them for a moment at the ramparts with a tirade of invective, but nothing could stop them. They swarmed into the city, surrounded the government buildings, and fired a salvo of resolutions. One of these happened to pierce the National Debt and the streets ran red with ink."

Or, "Yes, dear, I want you always to remember, and tell your own children, that your father was one of the brave freedom fighters in the Great Rising of '64. He was leading a wave of our gallant lads in a loot . . . uh, liberating attack on the Seagram distilleries, a capitalist stronghold. He was cut down by the fascist fire-hoses and seriously wounded in the, uh, lower back when he fell heroically on the micky in his hip pocket."

Only one stipulation. If this necessary catharsis, this national lancing of our abscess, breaks out and it's brother against brother, father against son, may I be on the same side as my wife?

DOWN(S) IN THIS CORNER

WITH ROY DOWNS



HOWCUM DEPT. The only legitimate beef against postal service in Milton, in my mind, is those ugly green mailboxes that are supplied customers in outlying areas, like Fallingbrooke and Kingsleigh Court areas.

Here we are in the midst of beautification month, and those ugly green monstrosities sit cluttering up the corners of our respectable subdivision areas! Couldn't the Post Office maintenance crew dash a bit of more colorful paint on them.

They say women in politics gum up the works. But I'll bet if we had a lady Postmaster-General sitting over there in Ottawa she'd gladly donate her \$18,000 per year for the repainting of these mailboxes. Ladies pay more attention to colors than men — matter of fact it was a local lady who pointed out the problem to me.

TOOK A WALK through a beautiful cemetery beside a pretty little rural church the other day and was indelibly impressed with the situation.

No, I'm not the morbid type that enjoys being near death — but I certainly was moved by the quiet solace I found there. It was only a small cemetery, shadowed and shielded from the elements by a row of trees and blooming lilacs, and surrounded by a well kept fence.

Only a few birds singing in the trees, the roar of cars passing on the nearby gravel road, and the gentle whisper of the

breeze in the trees above, disturbed the quiet of the sunny afternoon as I made my way through the well-kept plots.

Halton's pioneers lay there, the dates on their headstones prove it. Some go back as far as the early 1800's, and the inscriptions tell the tragic story of Scottish immigrants and hardships in the early days. Some of my own ancestors were there, too, which made me feel more a part of what I am witnessing.

The colors amazing — I wondered why so few artists choose church graveyards for their subjects. Picture, if you can, the blend of the blue sky, the purple lilacs, the green of the trees and grass, and the colorful hues of the flowers and wreaths . . . offset by the more somber gray and white and black and reddish tones of the stones.

It was only a short visit I paid to this place of death, yet I came away enthralled by the beauty with a feeling I had almost stepped back a century in time.

EVER GO arm chair exploring? It's fun, opening up vast new worlds with your feet up on the hassock, and your mind a million miles away.

I like travel books — they can get you so wrapped up in the subject it would take a cannon exploding beside you to bring you back to the reality of your living room surroundings.

One "armchair explorer" I know had some fun exploring the Lakehead country — with a

map. From Port Arthur and Fort William, he scanned the map for the names of lakes in a direction north-west and north of the Lakehead.

In one area there are six lakes that form the headwaters of a large river. They are Norway, Benelux, Welsh, Irish, Upper Scotch and Lower Scotch Lakes. The name of the river? Why, the English River, of course.

In the southwest portion of the map you can imagine a canoe trip through a string of four lakes named, That Man Lake, No Man Lake, This Man Lake and Other Man Lake.

Heading northwest, Knocker Lake and Buzzer Lake are lying side by side.

Block Creek runs out of Tackle Lake while Long Legged River runs into Unexpected Lake.

In another spot there's Irregular River and Confusion River. Confusion River flows through Wrong Lake and misses Right Lake by a stone's throw.

Situated a few miles south of Fort William is a lake the citizens of that city have great interest in. On old maps it is named Kazazekcegewaigeemag Lake. The name has been changed to one much shorter, probably because the original was such a tongue twister. You have probably guessed it. It is Loch Lomond.

North of the twin cities are three lakes known as Stupid, Drunk and Hangover Lakes.

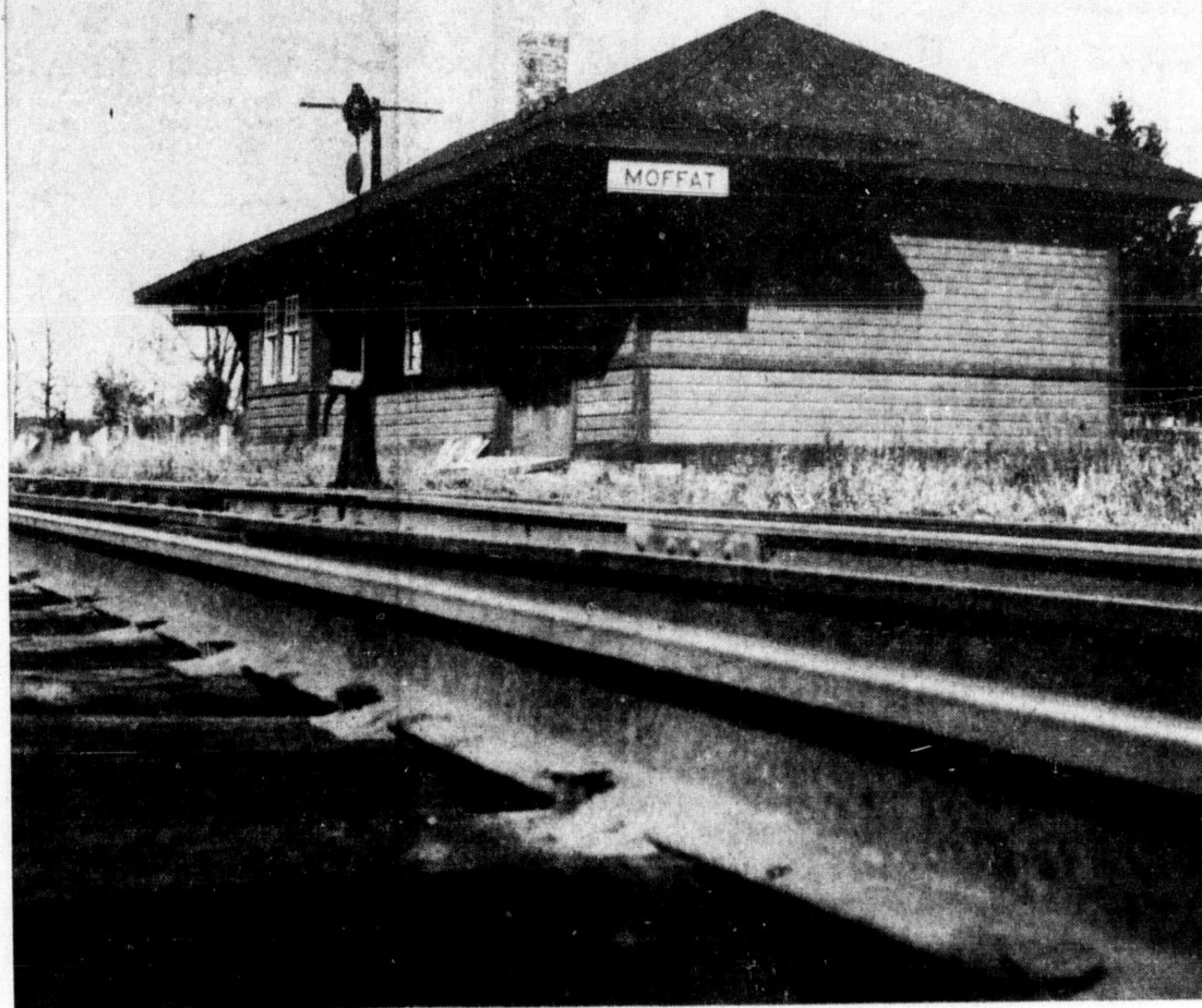
Armchair exploring is an interesting hobby anywhere!

AS WE ALL know telephone operators are always receiving calls requesting the oddest information. For instance there was a woman who called up and asked the operator, "Will you please ring my telephone. My dog is outside and won't come in. He comes running when he hears the telephone."

Ten rings later she reported back, "Thanks a lot," she said, with the barking of a dog in the background.

Rural Route

Editorial Page



—Staff Photo

Obscured Objectives, Strained Relations . . .

The post-budget differences between the Milton Council and the Public School Board indicate better than anything else, the lack of co-operation and trust between local municipal groups.

Last year a similar post-budget blow-up came between the Recreation Committee and Council. The feelings between the Planning Board and Council never seem to blossom into any real "friendship" as barbs are directed both ways. The High School Board and Council were on "strained" terms when a building program was being considered.

The dimension of the difficulty this year with the School Board was noted by one councillor, who pointed out the Board had felt it necessary to engage a solicitor in their dealings with the town.

While it may appear on the surface that the re-instatement last week of \$13,578 in the Public School Budget concluded the issue, nothing could be further from the truth.

The Board clearly won the round. Unfortunately students who may suffer in the next round won't be on hand to realize it.

Plans for the introduction of a Senior Public School system in the to-be-converted Martin Street School have been known for a long time. The merits of such a system have been explored carefully and have led to the intent here to establish such a system. One of the basic objectives is to aid in the transition from Public school to High School.

Board members planned construction of an addition called a general purpose room to the Martin Street school, maintaining it was necessary for the senior public school program. There is still an unresolved argument as to whether it is mandatory or just desirable.

It is in the matter of the general purpose room that the next round between council and school board lies. Council, in the face of being pressured into re-instatement of the \$13,578, last week, may be far less co-operative on the general purpose room another week. On the Board's current expenditures the council has little real authority. On capital matters the council has more power. They can insist on a vote of the ratepayers before approving construction of a general purpose room.

The Board on the other hand, can decide the Martin Street school is less attractive and decline to buy it. With plans already underway for construction at the Williams Ave. High School this could leave the High School Board in a rough position.

There are many side arguments all mixed up in this mess of pottage. The Board argues its budget was cut without consultation. The Council maintained it should have been more specific.

In all this hassle no one will hear from the students who might benefit from educational improvements. There are dogmatic attitudes on both Council and School Board just as there are some moderates. Discussions now are at the point where winning a principle may be losing an objective.

Having listened intently to the arguments as they range over the wide field, we feel sight has been lost of objectives. Winning a point has now become the ultimate and such an attitude is to the detriment of the town and to the School Board.

When the two groups meet to consider a general purpose room, we sincerely hope that there will be a desire to resolve an issue and meet an objective rather than the desire to win a point and ignore objectives. It will require concessions on both sides.

There is room to resolve the issue only if the men who meet are big enough to ignore personal differences and forget irrelevant issues. The Council must eye capital expenditures carefully in this, its largest capital spending year. The Board must plan its project efficiently to meet its objectives.

Both groups have definite responsibilities to the taxpayers, and these can be resolved if tackled in the right spirit. This, we suggest, is what taxpayers expect.

Saving Time . . .

Although daylight saving is accepted these days without protest, saving daylight is not everyone's favorite method of economizing. Farmers and transportation people are exasperated by it, and it also strikes some people as an impious interference with the divine or natural order of things. It also can be a scapegoat, as witness this letter in a British newspaper: "Women hardly ever smoked before 1920. Since then they have smoked a steadily-increasing number of cigarettes. One finds it hard to avoid the conclusion that the rising consumption of tobacco and sedatives is directly linked with the unnatural and artificial conditions created by Daylight Saving." The inventor of daylight saving was William Willitt, a God-fearing man who took long walks at five in the morning and thought everyone should get up earlier for healthy exercises in the summer. He would spin in his grave if he knew what he had done! Powell River News.

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THE GOOD OLD DAYS

GLANCING BACK TO 10 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of the Canadian Champion, May 27, 1954.

Milton, Acton and Georgetown representatives of the town councils last night engaged K. R. Simmons as a full-time engineer for the three municipalities when the group met in Milton to interview two of the 11 applicants reviewed at a Friday night meeting. Milton and Georgetown at the outset of the plan had the approval of their respective councils to engage an engineer on the three town basis, but Acton representatives were authorized only to carry the matter through an investigative stage. At a special meeting of Acton council on Tuesday evening the unanimous support was given representatives.

A large number of friends and neighbors honored Mr. Roy Colton with a presentation party in Omagh school on Friday evening. Mr. Colton, a well known farmer has sold his farm and

plans to retire. Euchre was enjoyed with prizes being won by Mrs. William Hamilton, Mrs. C. Marshall, Mr. Sam Reid and Mr. Harold Rutherford. On behalf of the gathering Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bently presented Mr. Colton with a handsome wristwatch and a fine billfold, hand made by Mr. H. Whewell of Milton, for which he expressed his deep appreciation.

A family picnic was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Vansickle in honor of their joint birthday on May 24. They were the recipients of many nice gifts and good wishes. Guests at the event included Mr. and Mrs. E. Gunby and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. Shepherd and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. Colling and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. Campbell and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. Baker and Helen, Mr. and Mrs. T. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. P. Kinsman, Miss Jean Robson and Lyle Vansickle of the R.C.A.F.

GLANCING BACK TO 20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of the Canadian Champion, May 25, 1944.

Final figures released from Victory Week show that Milton reached 103 percent of its quota and went well over the top. The quota for Milton was \$175,000 and \$179,700 was the amount subscribed. In the district attached to Milton, North Nelson attained 115 percent, raising \$74,500 on a quota of \$65,000. South Esquesing reached 103 percent, raising \$41,050 on a quota of \$40,000; North Trafalgar attained 85 percent, subscribing \$63,750 on a quota of \$75,000. Halton County as a whole secured 112 percent and of its objective with a quota of \$2,250,000 in the Sixth Loan, a total of \$2,528,250 was subscribed. Nassagaweya had the highest percentage of its quota, 125 percent. With a quota of \$95,000, this township raised \$118,500.

Two of the top prizes — provincial scholarships — were awarded this week to pupils of Milton High School. Miss Mary

McNabb won the Normal School scholarship which is valued at \$200. Herbert Blades was the winner of the Provincial Scholarship to Western University at London, valued at \$300. Pupils of Milton High School have in the past few years won several scholarships which indeed reflect very favorably on the efficiency of the teaching staff.

According to a news story from Ottawa, one of the only two women who are manning harbor craft in the Canadian Wrens is Milton girl, Bernice Sim.

At the meeting of the Halton Young Liberals on Friday evening, Mr. L. Chadeau was chosen as chairman, Hughes Cleaver, M.P., addressed the meeting and told a little about Canada's great war effort and also told about the convention of Young Liberals to be held in Winipeg on May 29 and 30. Mr. Cadeau and Miss Jane Fisher were elected to attend the convention at their own expense.

GLANCING BACK TO 50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of the Canadian Champion, May 28, 1914.

Oddfellowship is flourishing in Milton. Membership is so large that a more commodious hall is desirable and the probabilities are that it will be built before long. The lodge is considering a proposal to buy real estate on which to erect it.

The Eschman Show did not come off in Milton Tuesday, as had been advertised. The circus was reported to have been derailed on the G.T.R. somewhere south of Milton. This seems likely, as it passed through the evening following, with several cars attached to the 445 train to the north.

A Streetsville man who persists in breaking the liquor law and who was given four months of hard labor in prison last week, was taken to the Central Prison Farm at Guelph. There was no work at Brampton any harder than cutting the lawn grass and the man hated to do that. The publicity bothered him.

Last week the town council

decreed that the large elm tree on Commercial St. must come down. The decree was carried out during yesterday morning's storm. The wind levelled the tree. What do you think of that?

The band gave its first open-air concert in Victoria Park last Thursday evening. The program was nearly all of new music and every number was played with fine effect. There will be another concert this evening. The band deserves more liberal treatment than it has received for some years, and needs it. One need is new uniforms. Its friends should take action and the town grant should be increased.

Rev. E. E. Scott of Toronto, delivered his lecture, "The Land of the Maple," at the town hall on Friday evening. The attendance was smaller than it should have been, considering the merits of the lecturer and the fact that he appeared under the auspices of the Daughters of the Empire. The subject was a big one and Rev. Scott handled it with his well known ability.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

GEORGETOWN — Mayor Gibbons has issued a challenge to councillors Emmerson and Powers to oppose him in the mayoralty race in December, following heated discussions at a recent meeting. "If you think my conducting of meetings has been below par, I'll be in the field this fall and the gate is open to you, Councillor Powers and anyone else," he told Councillor Emmerson. The incident occurred during a discussion about an administration committee meeting in which agreement had been reached with the employees' union. While the mayor is committee chairman, the meeting had been chaired by Councillor Powers.

CHINGUACOUSY — An agreement concerning water rights was signed by Brampton Mayor Russell Prouse and Clerk-Treasurer Jack Galway in Chinguacousy Township municipal offices recently. The agreement states that wells developed after 1959 in the area would be owned by the Ontario Water Resources Commission and would be administered by the OWRC. "This would include the recently drilled Huttonville well," said Mayor Prouse. The Huttonville well has been the centre of considerable controversy in the past two months, when farmers in the Huttonville area complained that a Brampton well needed water from the area.

BURLINGTON — Towers Store has thrown down the gauntlet to challenge the Uniform Store Hours by-law passed by Burlington council recently. The large Towers store in the Aldershot area of Burlington is remaining open until 10 p.m. in defiance of the by-law. A store spokesman reported that his store has made this move because of the opening of others in Hamilton. A spokesman for the Uniform Store Hours by-law stated that the matter is now completely in the hands of the police authorities.

ACTON — Direct Distance Dialing will come to Acton this fall. Northern Electric Company technicians are busy installing the cross-bar switching machine which will bring Direct Distance Dialing (DDD) to the Kitchener-Waterloo-Galt-Guelph area. L. G. Denby, Bell Telephone Company manager announced. DDD is the new system which allows the customers to dial their own station-to-station long distance calls without the assistance of an operator.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

I don't make jokes; I just watch the government and report the facts.

—Will Rogers, American Humorist.

SNAIL'S PACE

A mathematician, probably irritated at being held up by a slow-moving car, figured out a "snail's pace", literally. He clocked his snail at .000030602 mph, on the level.