



# Jim's JOTTINGS

BY JIM DILLS

● **HOTTEST** topic in town this week has certainly been the total ban on lawn and garden watering. Councillors' phones have been humming with calls, many quite uncomplimentary, apparently. Phones to the town office and the police station have also been busy, I understand. Yes, the Champion has been receiving a lot of complaints too, as citizens vent their dislike for the legislation. I'll deal with it more fully editorially.

● **THE TEMPERATURE** dropped slightly on the flag issue but emotions are still running high on that issue, too. Nationally, the possibility of an election has been discussed on the issue, all of which goes to show that Canadians are not as apathetic or indifferent as we're generally led to believe.

● **THE interest** that has been stirred up lately on water in the town, if duplicated a little closer to election time, might produce more interesting election action. Some of the old election planks like annexation and more industry might get remade into things like capital works planning and long-range development policies.

● **EVER TRY** finding a house

number at night? It is a remarkable experience. Every householder seems to have conspired to make it impossible to reach the right house. Some aren't illuminated, others are tucked away in some place where they cannot be seen from the road. Destination-hunting takes on an aura of mystery if you use a flashlight and tread furtively from lawn to lawn. Illumination of the number by the porch light would aid in so many ways, even if in keeping unintentional visitors off your lawn.

● **IF YOU** have either of these two hazards to children around, get rid of them now. Number one is an unused ice box or refrigerator with the door still on. Number two is plastic bags of thin film that should be destroyed or at least kept well out of the hands and reach of children. Both the ice box with its tight door and the plastic film can cause suffocation to unsuspecting children.

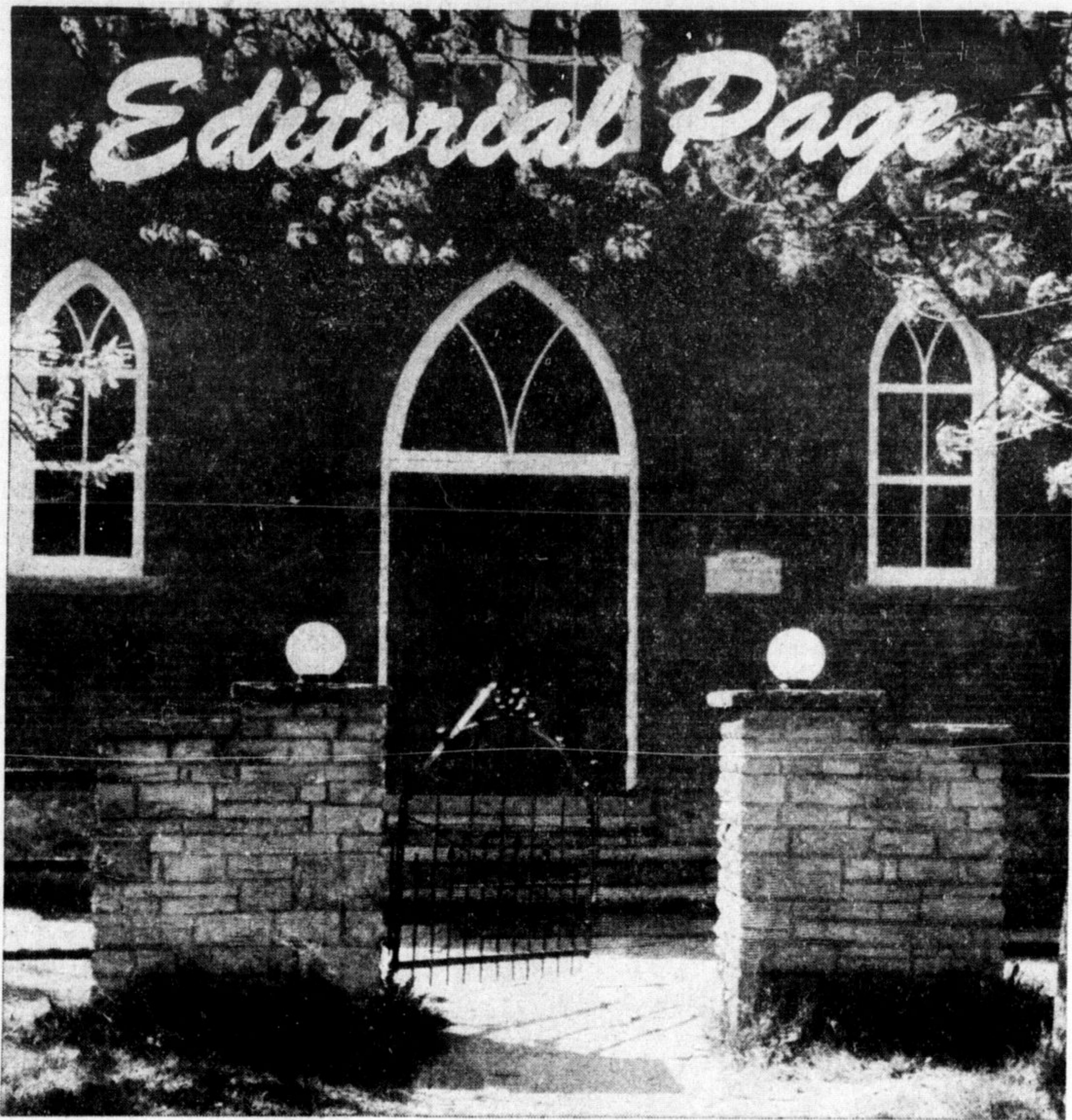
● **THE MEETING** between Milton and Oakville representatives on annexation was all but amicable but Milton came away only with a clearer idea of what Oakville was willing to concede. They

certainly weren't going for a boundary to the third line that would have included the Hand Chemical plant. They seemed quite happy however, to turn over the area west of the town, although not as far south as the hospital or Canadian Meter. Milton's main complaint is that in what Oakville is willing to give there is little room for industrial expansion, the very thing Milton needs most.

● **WORK ON** the local tennis court seems to be progressing and, strangely enough developing some enthusiasm. The courts are looking better than I've ever seen them and with some hard work and co-operation from the weather, they could become a real asset to the town. Certainly their appearance over the past few years has never been anything but beautiful. Mrs. J. W. McCutcheon and Mrs. D. Ptolemy certainly deserve credit for spearheading the current effort.

● **A FATHER** was absorbed in his favorite TV program when his young son ventured in to ask him about a homework problem. "Dad," he said, "where are the Alps?" "Ask your mother", came the reply. "She puts everything away."

## The Gate is Open



OMAGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, a pretty little rural church on Five Sideroad, was founded in 1838 and the brick building was erected in 1909. Our photographer found the open gateway symbolized the whole story of a rural church.

—Staff Photo

# THE GOOD OLD DAYS

## GLANCING BACK TO 10 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of the **Canadian Champion**, June 3, 1954.

Approval was granted on the expenditure of \$120,000 for the new proposed six room school following further consideration of the matter at Monday evening's council meeting. Members also approved the passing of by-law governing the hours of closing with Friday night the open night.

A 40 foot flaming torch pierced the night and was reported by a passing motorist to police in Milton at 3 a.m., Sunday. Evidently a dead hollow tree had been fired from the base by unknown persons and with a heavy down draft from the chimney-like tree, the blaze was fanned, causing flames to race from the base to the top, shooting out with such force that witnesses reported a steady whine. The tree is located on the Willmott farm on No. 25 Highway south of Milton. Milton fire brigade was summoned to extinguish the blaze.

A public meeting in the Milton high school auditorium last night proposed the appointment of a provisional board of directors to apply for a charter and pro-

ceed with the preliminary plans for a hospital in Milton, to serve the area. About 50 attended the meeting called by the investigating committee of the Milton Chamber of Commerce who reported on their findings in the possibility of construction of a hospital.

Halton County has reached its quota of \$32,000 in the campaign to raise funds for the new rehabilitation centre of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, according to L. D. Maxwell, county chairman. Milton raised over \$3,000 which was 125 per cent of their quota. G. F. Thompson was chairman.

Heavy earth-moving equipment began paving the way for a ball diamond and other work at the Rotary club park site this week. At the meeting last week of the club, when members viewed the site, immediate arrangements were made to proceed with the levelling. It is expected the ball diamond will be in shape for playing on in the near future with the pipe on hand to construct the back stop and locate the bases.

## GLANCING BACK TO 20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of the **Canadian Champion**, June 1, 1944.

The next two Sundays, June 4 and June 11, are not only unique in the history of Grace Anglican Church, Milton, but in the whole community. Next Sunday will mark the hundredth anniversary of the founding of Grace Church. That was before the days that Milton became incorporated and when the village had a population of possibly less than 200 people. And so the church came before the town and the people in it down through the century have been guided wisely by the work of the Church.

Plans are now under way in the five urban municipalities of the County to supply emergency farm labor during haying and harvest, states Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitlock. On Friday evening of last week, a meeting was held in the Agricultural Representative's office, Milton which was attended by the urban Reeves and a number of farm leaders. It was the con-

ensus of opinion at this meeting that crop prospects are excellent. Hay and wheat definitely will be heavy and spring grain, in general is looking promising. On the other hand, farm labor is a minus quality and conspicuous by its absence.

Arrangements have been made by the Wartime Prices Trade Board to provide this year extra rations of food for extra farm help engaged seasonally in all parts of Canada, on the basis of a limit of five meals per person per day.

The Milton Board of Trade meeting was held on Tuesday evening in the Council Chambers. Mr. William Barnard substituted for Mr. Pickett, the president. Mr. Jim Waldie reported that the playground committee was awaiting the signing of the lease by the Halton Agricultural Society, the lease having just been delivered Tuesday. Mr. Waldie suggested the Board try to organize a softball league for Milton and district.

## GLANCING BACK TO 50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of the **Canadian Champion**, June 4, 1914.

On Friday afternoon a number of foreign women dressed in gaudy colors, that attracted the attention of all the men and excited the envy of all the women, visited Milton. These nomad beauties called at all business places, wishing the occupants good luck before offering to tell their fortunes, but pronouncing deepest curses when departing, upon those who refused to extend to them the right hand of fellowship, which was necessary in order that these gentle dames might reveal to our benighted citizens the hidden mysteries of their fortunes.

Captain A. C. Bastedo is getting more recruits than usual for his Niagara Camp. Col. Sgt. Miles will go to camp. He is one of the best instructors. The men will be paid 75 cents a day. Those who qualify in shooting will get 90 cent a day.

R. L. Hemstreet has been appointed Returning Officer for the provincial election for Halton, nomination on 22nd inst. and voting 29th. Mr. Hemstreet is

now busy arranging for polling places, appointing deputy returning officers, etc. The work is in good hands.

At one of the stormiest political gatherings in Western Ontario, North Essex Conservatives split and despite a telegram from Premier Whitney recommending Hon. Dr. Reame, Oscar E. Fleming was nominated. If we are not mistaken, Mr. Fleming is a Milton old boy, a son of the late Samuel Fleming and a cousin of the Hon. Joseph Martin. He is a barrister.

At Tuesday's meeting of the county council a special report from the county building committee was adopted which recommended that the plans for a new Registry Office building be adopted. The estimated cost of the proposed building is \$10,500. The present building was said by the committee to be too small, unsuitable for its purpose and discreditable to Halton. The new one will be erected this year if the financial condition of the county is found to warrant the issue of debentures for the amount required.

# NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

ACTON — Prospect Park will have floodlights for softball games this year, as council approved installation of the mercury lighting system and agreed to apply for a government grant amounting to a maximum of \$1,100 to help defray expenses. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$4,898.

GEORGETOWN — Indignation has been expressed by councillors at an act of vandalism which wrecked tulip beds in Remembrance Park. Town workmen discovered the damage and noted that flowers had been pulled off their stems, many bulbs were uprooted and strewn on the ground. Councillor J. Hildebrandt said a permanent guard in the park might be the answer to cut down vandalism.

BRAMPTON — Brampton's second annual Festival of Flowers, June 18, 19 and 20, will be spiced with beautiful girls, parades, bands, dancing girls, art and flower shows, a circus and fireworks. The fun filled floral fantasia will transform the town into a colorful mecca of pageantry for these magical days. Chairman Doug Brown has said that it would be foolish to spend less money on fireworks this year.

OAKVILLE — A claim by an Oakville man that he originated the blue bars which appeared on a flag design favored by Prime Minister Pearson, were denied this week. Henry Rainey submitted a flag design to Halton M.P. Dr. Harry Harley which contained the blue bars and Dr. Harley agreed to submit the design to the Commons if a flag committee was formed. Since no committee was established, Mr. Rainey's design remained in the private files of Dr. Harley, eliminating any possibility of Mr. Rainey's design having any effect on the eventual design approved by the Prime Minister.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

There is entirely too much worrying about unhappy marriages. All marriages are happy. It's only the living together afterwards that causes the trouble.

—Anonymous

## Water, Water, Water...

Last week's sudden ban on lawn and garden watering, car washing and any use of a hose, hit residents like a bombshell and the resulting uproar was immediate and direct.

It is fortunate that Milton Council, on Monday, was able to reduce the total ban and at least permit limited hose use, before the town became a great network of law-breakers and informers. As it was the police were as busy as councillors answering the dozens of complaints that were being lodged with them. Letter writers were busy and there was no segment of the populace that wasn't expressing its general unhappiness.

The old ring-around about there being plenty of water but not sufficient pressure was resurrected. Technically this is true, but to the average individual the two just don't jibe. Water five miles from town is not of much value to the homeowner or industry.

Happily the development of the Kelso well, that will double the present municipal supply, is nearer completion than it was at this time last year, or the year before. Undoubtedly the development of the well has been dogged by red tape and the requirement of many more approvals than was formerly required to develop a municipal water source. The well, however, with a mile or two of transmission line yet to be tendered on, will not be of any real assistance for this year's gardening.

Milton's water supply and the distribution system have grown somewhat like Topsy. Being one of the first communities in the area to have a water supply from the nearby mountain, it was not originally set out for the growth that has been evident in the town. Its shortcomings have been plaguing councils for years. Unfortunately it still takes a near crisis to prompt action.

Each time the solution is in developing a greater supply of water, a new reservoir or increased pumping capacity when the real problem is, in many cases, the wasting of water. The installation of water meters in town has been discussed as far back as 1957 and in June of 1958. In 1957 the decision was to meet the problem with a new million gallon reservoir at a cost of about \$70,000.

Leaky plumbing fixtures, dripping taps and uncontrolled use of water breed a disregard for the importance of the commodity. Few municipalities continue to operate on

## Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL SMILEY

I don't know how you feel about it, but that "distinctive" Canadian flag with the three spindly maple leaves on it makes me want to throw up. I'd like to see somebody ask you to go out and fight and die for it.

No, I'm not a Red Ensign boy. The Red Ensign was a makeshift, at best. It is too confused with colonialism and the merchant marine and the Union Jack ever to be accepted. If we MUST have a Canadian flag, which I deny violently.

By the way, I think the Canadian Legion has had some pretty shoddy treatment from the daily press because of its espousal of the Ensign, and it's less-than-enthusiastic reception of the Prime Minister at the Winnipeg convention.

What's wrong with an organization standing up for something it believes in? Everybody else does it, from hog producers to folk singers. But the Legion was suddenly made the butt of a vicious and slanted attack in certain dailies.

The men who did the dirty work in two wars were suddenly catalogued as a group of reactionaries, or as one daily put

it, a "bunch of old soldiers," trying to tell the rest of Canada what flag it should have.

This canard was climaxed by a brutal cartoon by Duncan MacPherson in the Toronto Star, portraying the Legionnaire as a beery-eyed beery-nosed old blimp, clinging to the past. Even the Star was embarrassed by the cartoonist's lack of taste.

But this isn't a defense of the Legion. It can look after itself. It has a minority of old boozers. So does the yacht club and the curling club and the service club and the press club.

Before I finish this digression, let me ask a question. What's wrong with booing the Prime Minister? It may be impolite, but it's a heck of a lot better than assassinating him, and I know he'd rather be booed than defeated in office.

At the same time, let me express my admiration for Mr. Pearson's courage in attacking this flag fiasco, and doing it in front of a body opposed to his views. None of his three predecessors had the guts to do it.

But to get back to what I originally started to say, let's

get everybody sore at me and get it over with. The whole business of flags is a medieval hangover, with juvenile overtones.

Men used to rally around flags, in the days of hand-to-hand combat because they were trying to find somebody else who was on their side.

War evolved (or degenerated, if you like) until the stretcher-bearer became a lot more heroic than the standard-bearer.

If you want a bit of gay bunting, by all means go to it. Hang up a rosy apple for the Okanagan Valley, or a lobster for south-east Nova Scotia, or a rampant oil well for Calgary, and enjoy it. But a Canadian flag is an anachronism, in the first place. And in the second place, the maple leaf, to me and many another Canadian, is just a dang nuisance that clutters up my lawn in October.

The only possible symbol that would represent the whole of Canada is a snow shovel.



## DOWN(S) IN THIS CORNER

WITH ROY DOWNS

**SECRETARIES:** Does your boss close his office door for 15 minutes every day and hang a "Do Not Disturb" sign on the door?

Don't be alarmed. He's just following a trend which many heads of corporations (businesses) are doing to eliminate their unwanted corporations (the part below their chests.)

A new set of rules has been introduced by YMCA physical fitness experts, called "Exec-exercise."

But the Exec-exercises don't require that the door be closed all the time. The 'chief' can be exercising all day long and he won't raise any eyebrows.

Although presented in a lighter vein, the exercises are described as a valuable step toward physical fitness. They do not, the pamphlet stresses, constitute a complete physical fitness program.

**CARE TO TRY** them out yourself? I hang on, here goes!

1—when the telephone rings, pull in your abdomen and hold it during the entire conversation. Don't hold your breath—just your tummy.

2—Sit in your chair and cross

your legs, left over right. Rotate the left ankle, then flex and extend it. Curl the toes and force the heel downward. Now change feet.

3—Stand up. Contract your hips. Tighten and release them 15 times.

4—Grasp the arm rest on your chair with your hands at your sides. Keeping your arms stiff, raise your entire body off the seat five times.

Had enough? Oh wait, there's more!

5—Don't use your arms to stand up or sit down. Let your legs and back muscles do it.

6—Stand up and roll your head in a circle several times. (This one's fine for newspapermen, they do it all the time. Naturally.)

7—Pull your shoulders up around your ears, round them and then bring them back to normal position again, lifting legs out and hold them forward and upward for 15 seconds.

8—Sit down. Straighten your your chest at the same time.

9—Stand up and clasp the hands together over your chest. Now force your elbows back quickly 15 times.

10—With the fingers still clasped over your chest, twist your trunk 15 times.

11—Stand at your desk. Tuck the thumbs under the rim of the desk, move your legs back until you're at a 45 degree angle to the floor. Then do eight to ten pushes.

Now how do you feel?

"O CANADA, our home and native land..."

Native land? Certainly not for thousands, perhaps millions of Canadian Citizens who were not born on Canadian soil.

Any immigrant would be happy to accept Canada as his chosen nation, abide by its laws, take part in its progress, and even salute its chosen flag (if one is ever chosen). But how can he stand up and sing Canada's anthem and sing it like he means it when he comes to the part about "our native land"?

I like O Canada — its a beautiful piece of music and it certainly should be the National Anthem of our country.

But I wonder about those new Canadians (this includes those from United States and Great Britain as well as Europeans and Asians) and how they like it.

Maybe while Prime Minister Mike's mixed up in the flag controversy he could investigate the anthem too.

And I'd be interested in receiving any reader's written opinions on the subject.

**EXPERIENCE** is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.

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## NEW AILMENT

"I understand your wife is quite ill."  
"Yes, she had a slight cold; tried to cure herself by reading a daily health hint and is suffering from a typographical error."