



Jim's JOTTINGS

BY JIM DILLS

● THIS WEEK I collected a group of items I found interesting. They're quite unrelated, quite unoriginal but simply a pot pourri of items you may or may not have been familiar with.

● CANADA WILL spend about 200 million dollars this year on foreign aid programs to help other countries. One country which has already received help is Pakistan. Canada built and helped finance the 36 million dollar Warsak hydroelectric and irrigation development on the Kabul River.

● THE HALTON Agricultural Society that stages the annual Milton Fair has been in existence since 1853. Fairs were being staged well before the day of Confederation. It's a point we might lose sight of with all the emphasis being placed on Canada's 100th birthday in 1967. Halton County was formed in 1854 and Milton was incorporated in 1857. The Bruce St. School was built in 1857 too.

● AN ANTIQUE is an object that has made a round trip to the attic.

● WHEN "BIG BEN" was installed in the tower of Britain's Parliament Building over a century ago, the House of Commons

had trouble choosing a suitable name for the great clock. Many were suggested and by the time Sir Benjamin Hall, the popular Commissioner of Public Works at the time, rose to propose a name, many M.P.'s were weary of the whole business. Someone shouted, "Why not call it 'Big Ben' and have done with it?" The debate broke up in a roar of laughter, and Big Ben it has been ever since.

● BEFORE ABRAHAM Lincoln's son died in 1926, he burned a collection of his father's private papers. His reason for doing this was that the papers contained documentary evidence of the treason of a member of Lincoln's cabinet, and he thought it best that such evidence be destroyed. The man's identity will probably never be known.

● WANT TO TELL the temperature without a thermometer? Weather changes affect the cricket's song. As the temperature drops the pitch drops and the tempo slows. Physicist Amos E. Dolbear developed Dolbear's law in 1897 after experimenting with the snowy cricket. Count the number of chirps in 15 seconds and add 40; the sum is the temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.

● THE COLDEST official temperature ever observed in Canada 81 degrees below zero, was reported from Snag, in the Yukon Territory, in February 1947.

● IN 1858, AT THE time of the Indian Mutiny of 1857-58 the first Canadian Regiment served overseas. The British Government received Canadian permission to recruit troops for the British Army in Canada. An infantry regiment of more than 1000 men, the 100th Royal Canadian Regiment of Foot, was raised, sent to England, equipped at British expense and then saw service at Gibraltar, Malta and elsewhere. The regiment never became part of the Canadian military establishment and recruiting for it in Canada ceased after a few years.

● THE CHATEAU de Ramezay, a historical museum on Notre Dame Street in Montreal dates back to 1705. It was erected in 1705 by Claude de Ramezay, the governor of Montreal, as his residence. After the British conquest it became the official residence in Montreal of the Governor-in-Chief of British North America and continued as such until 1849. Before becoming a museum in 1894, it was used as a government office, a courthouse and a school.



—Staff Photo

Rural Lane

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

GLANCING BACK TO 10 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of the Canadian Champion, April 7, 1955.

With the opening of the construction season in Milton, officials are looking forward to a continuation of the building boom of last year, although permits issued to date are well below those of last year. Building permits issued in the 12 month period of 1954 totalled \$1,293,500 with the first three months accounting for about \$500,000. In that year January was abnormally high when one builder bought permits for 50 houses. The centre six months of the year accounted for the largest share of the balance.

Milton tots had a short holiday from school Monday — and they weren't too sure if they liked it or not. Each youngster of grade one and two who had his parent's permission received an inoculation as doctors and nurses of the

Halton Health Unit co-operated in the experimental injections in an effort to prevent polio. Although 500,000 school children throughout Canada will receive a series of three shots on the assumption that the injections can do no harm and if they provide immunity, the country will be a year ahead in its battle against the crippling of poliomyelitis.

Scotch Block Women's Institute held a euchre and quilt draw in Milton high school on Friday evening. There were 27 tables of euchre. Prize winners were as follows: ladies' high Mrs. S. Allen; men's high L. Skuce; men's second T. Chisholm; ladies' lucky cup Mrs. C. Brown; men's lucky cup R. M. Currie; quilt Mrs. Myrtle May. A delicious lunch served by the ladies ended a very enjoyable evening.

GLANCING BACK TO 20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of The Canadian Champion, April 5, 1945.

The W.M.S. of the Kilbride United Church were guests of the Mission Band on Tuesday afternoon in the hall of the church. A most interesting program had been arranged under the leadership of Miss Ethel Simpson, Band Superintendent. Alice Pegg, the president presided. The Scripture lesson was read by Marie Nicholson. Norma Pegg read the Bible story. The prayer was taken by Charlotte Sault. Mrs. Fred Beaumont of Carlisle was guest speaker and gave a most interesting talk.

The Easter meeting of the Evening Auxiliary of W.M.S. of St. Paul's United Church was held Tuesday in the Sunday School room. Mrs. H. Jennings, the vice-president, welcomed as guests the Afternoon Auxiliary who enjoyed the program prepared by Mrs. C. K. Stevenson, Mrs. Whewell and

Miss Freida Harrison. The program which was in the form of an Easter worship service was led by Mrs. C. K. Stevenson. Well known Easter hymns were sung and Scripture reading and responsive readings were led by Mrs. E. Foster, Mrs. Dalziel and Mrs. Whewell. A vocal duet by Miss Edna Anderson and Mrs. S. Featherstone was most acceptable.

Last Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McPhail entertained at their home in honor of Miss Rita Hubbert's birthday. Progressive euchre was enjoyed by all. Mrs. R. C. Menzies assisted the hostess after which the guest of honor was presented with a shower of gifts.

Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. George Inglis entertained at a dinner. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Scheer of Aldershot, Mr. and Mrs. George Watson and family of Clappison's Corners and Mr. and Mrs. Albert McCartney and family of Carlisle.

GLANCING BACK TO 50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of The Canadian Champion, April 8, 1915.

The annual vestry meeting of Grace Church was held Monday evening with rector O. F. Cooke in the chair. It could not have been more harmonious and several reports which were presented showed that the affairs of the parish were in satisfactory condition. The Warden's report showed receipts during the church year of \$1,721.23 with a balance of \$66.61 on hand. The Sunday School report showed 165 children on the roll with an average attendance of 117. Officers were elected as follows: Victor Chisholm rector's Warden; Samuel Dice rector's Warden; W. J. Sheppard, F. E. Cochrane, H. Coulson, C. W. Martin, E. J. Wilson, J. T. Hannant, A. Norrington, John Maxted, L. Maude, S. Henson and B. Knight sidesmen; F. S. Cochrane and T.

F. Little auditors, and William Panton vestry clerk.

Frank Pearen reports that the Halton soldiers of the third overseas contingent were inspected at Georgetown yesterday, that he was there and that he learned that the inspecting officer pronounced them the finest in physique that he had seen anywhere.

Miss H. E. Bastedo and her pupils hold an exhibition of paintings on Thursday at the old Livingston residence. Refreshments from four to six and a good musical program in the evening. Silver collection for benefit of Belgium refugee orphans in Paris. The money will be sent to Paris direct, without expense. It will be the second remittance by Miss Bastedo. At the entertainment she will read a letter acknowledging her first, and explaining the pitiful condition of the poor orphans.

Sugar and Spice . . .

BY BILL SMILEY

Watching the world lately, I find it hard to believe that mankind has progressed very far since the day Cain clobbered Abel and began a fad that has never lost its popularity—murdering one's brother.

Whether it's Alabama, Hamburg or Havana, Quito or Quebec, the pattern is the same: clubs swinging, women screaming, skulls cracking, blood spurting.

Hammering one's fellow citizen with a billy club is one of the leading outdoor sports of this generation.

It's difficult to believe that all the hatred and viciousness among men is based on color, or religion. The Pakistanians and Indians loathe each other. They're the same color, different religions. The Viet Nams and the Viet Congs murder each other with mutual relish. Same color, same religion.

In South Africa, whites kick blacks around. In North Africa, blacks kick whites around. In both cases, religion is immaterial.

In South America, the rich kick the poor around, and they all go to the same church. In North America, wives kick their husbands around. Same color; same religion; different sex.

If it isn't racial or religious or sexual, what then is the basis

for all the pounding of other people? Is it simply fear that if you don't smash the other fellow's skull first, he will kick you in the groin?

Or is it something more simple and primitive, just a savage joy in the letting of blood, in pain and cruelty?

It's hard to know. An anthropologist will say one thing, a psychologist another. And a good bartender could probably come as close to the truth as either.

It is my experience that the tensions of race, creed and color are completely artificial. It is only when they are fanned by ignorance, fear or malice, that they burst into flame. Ignored, they dissolve and vanish.

The other day, I was supervising an examination. For something to do, I looked down a couple of rows of students and checked off their national origins. They were Swiss, Polish, Dutch, German, Italian, Norwegian, Anglo-Saxon. There were Jews and Roman Catholics and Protestants of all denominations.

They didn't even look as they should have. A red-headed German and a red-headed Jew. A couple of swarthy, black-haired Mediterranean types called Smith and Jones.

And I happen to know there is no hatred, no tension over race or religion or pigmentation, in

this group. There is only the normal clash of personalities, based entirely on individual likes and dislikes.

In 1943, I trained at an R. A.F. station in England. On my course were pilots from half a dozen European countries, from Canada and the U.S., from Africa and Australia, from Trinidad and India, and from all over the British Isles.

Color ranged from silver-blond Norwegian, through coffee-hued Maori Indian from New Zealand to coal-black West Indian. Religion ran the gamut from agnostic to fervent R.C., from Baptist to Moslem. We were like brothers.

On my 21st birthday, having sprained an ankle badly in a rugby game, I couldn't walk to my own birthday party. I was carried to the pub on the shoulders of a magnificent turbaned Sikh from India, a Polish count, an Australian dairy farmer, and the scion of a fine old Belgian family. It was my finest hour, when my brothers deposited me gently at the bar.

And it helped convince me that race, religion and color have very little to do with man's inhumanity . . . or humanity . . . to man.



Chamber Achievement List Lengthy . . .

Thanks to advertising and promotional organizations, our society has succeeded in setting aside special "weeks" (or days or months or even years) to promote products and people and fund-raising campaigns and a host of other things. So the news that this week, April 4 to 11 is Canadian Chamber of Commerce week left us cold at first.

But then, on reflecting one day on the activities of our local Chamber of Commerce, and mentally reviewing what the Chamber has meant to Milton, our thinking changed.

When a list of Chamber accomplishments was compiled, it represented a pretty broad and varied contribution to our community.

For our Milton Chamber of Commerce is pretty well publicized on each of its separate schemes and promotions, but few outside the Chamber ever stop to think of the end result — the overall picture — the sum total of the Chamber's efforts.

Briefly, let's review them:

By far the largest activity to date in Milton Chamber of Commerce's history has been the successful promotion of the week of "Old Fashioned Days" in Milton, preceding the Steam-Era reunions for the past two years. Through this program the Chamber has succeeded in getting hundreds of residents to have fun by dressing up in old-time costumes, and the advance promotion and week of old fashioned programs has given added impetus to the publicity for Steam-Era which, incidentally, catered to a crowd of 30,000 people last fall.

Miss Chamber of Commerce was a successful first-time promotion last Spring, and the judges could never have found a better girl for their first winner than Gail Thomas. Miss Thomas has plunged into her work with charm and poise, and has been a credit to the position, appearing at several Chamber functions over the past year.

Beautification of Milton is another Chamber project and their hanging baskets on Main St. lamp poles, the new metal litter baskets, and the general May clean-up and beautify promotion have done a lot toward sparking efforts for a cleaner, brighter town.

The annual shop-in-Milton Christmas promotions are, of course, designed to keep business at home and the end result is more profit for the community.

This is a credit to the businessmen and industrialists of this town that they forget their competitive occupations and sit down together to accomplish a promotional job. And when the Chamber begins a shopping promotion, not only merchant members but the whole town benefit, for dollars spent at home eventually distribute themselves to the entire town in increased commercial assessments, lower prices, and larger variety of merchandise available for selection.

Campaign: What happens when butter-up tactics fail and daughters team up with mothers to work on their fathers.

Workshop: Where fathers hide when campaigns are underway.

Couch: Where fathers flake out during that half-hour period the dishes are being washed.

TV Exercise Show: What causes mothers' sore backs they blame on scrubbing floors and clothes and small children.

Door Chimes: What callers always ignore if you're up, but ring incessantly when you're asleep on the couch.

Telephone: Where you talk to all those people who don't dial carefully at 2 a.m.

Teenager: Somebody who eats everything in sight from morning to night but won't eat a decent

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DOWN(S) IN THIS CORNER

WITH ROY DOWNS

LAST WEEK this column carried some "daffynitions" (home life variety) and following several comments on them, I've located some more:

Squares: All fathers and mothers who won't let their sons wear Beatle haircuts or permit teenage daughters to stay out after midnight.

Money: A token of exchange which the boss thinks you get too much of; your wife claims you don't bring home enough of; and the kids think grows on trees.

Lawn: A useless square of grass covered with snow seven months of the year and over which dad worries himself into an early grave.

House: A structure that owns a family.

Car: A four wheeled vehicle that supports a dozen huge industries, thousands of people, several governments and is always out of style.

Garage: An outbuilding large enough to hold more trash than the town junkyard, but with a door too small for your wife to drive the car through.

Suit: matching trousers and jacket that are shiny and frayed, but have to last for another year.

Babysitter: A teenaged Beatle fan who expects to get paid for blaring your TV set, entertaining boy friends in your living room, and eating you out of house and home, while your kids sleep peacefully in bed.

Comic Books: Publications from which children obtain all the information they need in life.

Chewing Gum: An excellent substance for exercising youngster's jawbones, causing cavities and leaving stains on the bedposts.

Bedtime Story: What fathers enjoy reading while sons and daughters dream up more excuses for not going to bed yet.

Breakfast: The silent meal that starts the day, during which the

first person to speak gets a top-of-the-lungs blast from a grumpy father.

Lunch: (to fathers) — When you go home from work to have a rest and tell your wife all the funny things that happened at the office this morning. (To mothers) — When the old grouch comes home and wonders why lunch isn't ready, after you've been slaving over the dishpan, vacuum, mop, stove and washing machine all morning. (To children) — When Daddy comes home so we can jump on his stomach and play horsie with him.

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NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT

GEORGETOWN — Low rental apartments for senior citizens of limited means may be constructed in the near future depending on the findings of an investigating committee composed of Kinsmen Club members. The Kinsmen hope to build an apartment building, preferably in the downtown area, 8 or 10 units. A minimum age and maximum income for residents will determine whether or not applications will be considered. The cost of land is a significant factor in determining the location.

ACTON — Co-operation between management and employees resulted in the first industrial blood clinic being a huge success when 225 donors registered to give blood. Arrangements to have men and women leave work during the day resulted in a much increased number attending the clinic. During the five hour clinic 120 first-time donors registered to give blood.

OAKVILLE — Someone in Oakville is waging a successful battle against the new Canadian flag. Six Red Maple Leafs have been stolen in the past few weeks. Each flag, valued at approximately \$10, has been stolen at night. The Oakville Works Department is the latest place without a flag. The Red Maple Leaf was stolen from the Seventh Line building just recently.

BURLINGTON — A Burlington baby has added a chapter to medical history. Little Ian McLean, son of Rev. and Mrs. Donald McLean, has survived two pre-natal blood transfusions and is coming along nicely. Ian was born at Toronto General Hospital and is the first baby there who survived the pre-natal transfusions. The procedure was tried three times previously at Toronto General but with no success.

BRAMPTON — A recent power failure in Churchville resulted in the loss of 500 day-old chicks to poultry farmer Mike Burnford, R.R. 1, Meadowdale. The chicks died within 48 hours from a severe chill after the power failure affected the heating system in the barn. Temperature should have been between 80-90 degrees but when the furnace failed it dropped considerably and the young chicks suffered a chill. "It's the most chicks I've ever lost in 22 years in the business," said Mr. Burnford, who keeps 14,000 young pullets. He now plans to install an emergency generator.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

When a stupid man is doing something he is ashamed of, he always declares that it is his duty.

—George Bernard Shaw, 1856-1950.

WEDNESDAY'S WIT

Perhaps the man with no experience is justified in asking for a higher wage; the work is much harder when you don't know what you are doing.