



# Jim's JOTTINGS

BY JIM DILLS

# Editorial Page

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS

### GLANCING BACK TO 20 YEARS AGO

**Taken from the files of The Canadian Champion, Sept. 27, 1945.**

The annual tag day for the Canadian Institute for the Blind was conducted by the local committee of that organization. The people of Milton contributed generously to the fund. The Cubs and Scouts assisted by several girls acted as taggers and brought in proceeds totalling \$150. The committee felt that the boys and girls deserved a lot of credit for their energy and hard work. In addition to the amount collected by taggers there were contributions by separate individuals. The Committee thanked the Scouts and Cubs, the girls, Lady Cub Master Blain, Scout Master Brown, the ministers of the various churches, principal Marcellus of the High School and principal E. Foster of the Public School for their assistance.

The last mobile blood clinic held during the war years was completed and it was noted that in the 13 clinics held in Milton there were 1,219 donors. The Milton Branch of the Red Cross and Milton doctors and nurses helped with the clinics.

Milton High School had a registration of 153 students at the beginning of the term in September. Three scholarships were awarded to 1944 graduates: Ted White received a \$400 university scholarship; Jean Bayliss, a \$250 Teachers' College Scholarship and Erna Cox, Milton High School Award of \$100. Anyone who wants to visit the school and inspect the poultry house is invited to do so.

This building is to be adopted by the Department of Education for other Ontario high schools.

Inspector L. Skuce visited the Zimmerman Public School this week.

### GLANCING BACK TO 50 YEARS AGO

**Taken from the files of The Canadian Champion, Sept. 30, 1915.**

On Tuesday evening, J. M. MacKenzie was kind enough to put the ladies of the Red Cross Society into possession of his ice cream parlour. The proceeds of all sales were to go into their fund. Not only ice cream but hot drinks were sold by ladies and a number of the younger members of the society sold bouillottes supplied from a stand managed by Mrs. Fred Dewar. The band helped by presenting a program of patriotic music in front of the store. Though the weather was cold the receipts amounted to about \$93, comparing well with \$50 which was raised by the Belgian Relief Committee when Mr. MacKenzie made the same generous offer to them.

The directors of the Milton fair continued to add attractions to the fair of the Halton Agricultural Society which is to be held in early October. In the horse races the classes are to be faster than those first arranged, and a green race with a purse of \$50 is an added attraction. A farm exhibit from the Experimental Farm at Ottawa is also to be on display and a Highland Band is to be present during the two day fair.

A very successful school fair was held at the S.S. No. 6, Nassagaweya the Kelso School. This was one of the six schools in Halton teaching agriculture. The school was decorated and exhibits from home plots of the children and from the school garden were an added attraction. The exhibits were awarded and the after prizes were awarded and the exhibition program of games, folk dances, drills and songs by the children. There were discussions on the effect of teaching agriculture in the school and speeches were made by prominent agricultural men from the Department.

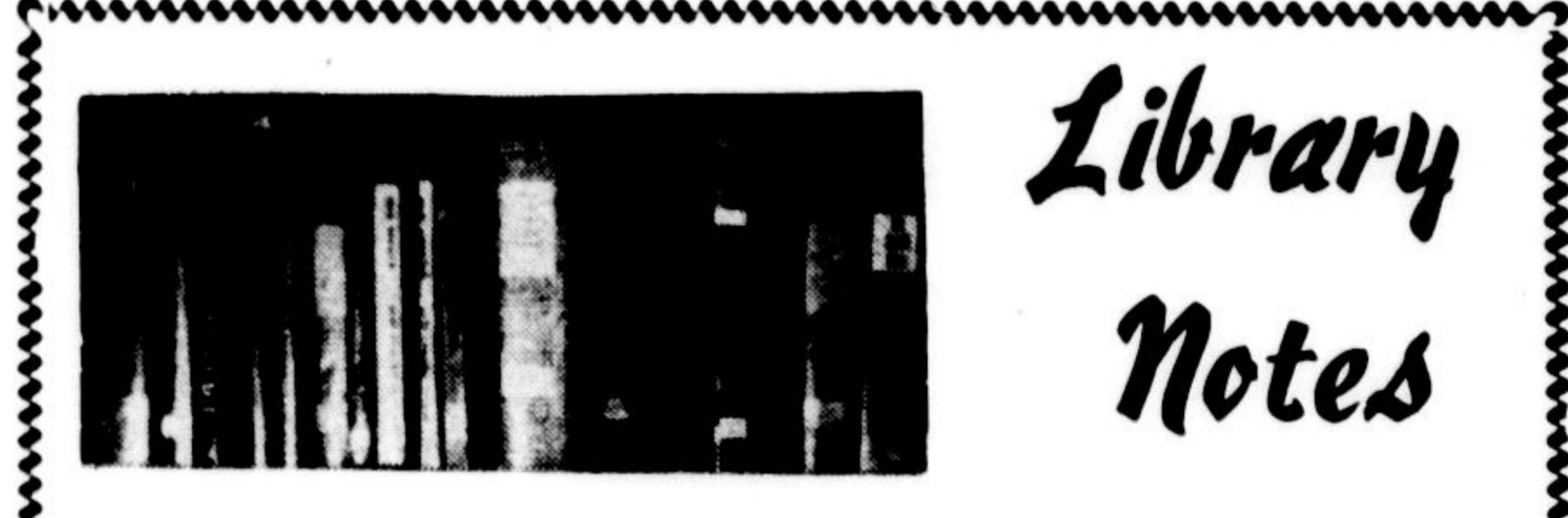
### GLANCING BACK TO 100 YEARS AGO

**Taken from the files of The Canadian Champion, Sept. 28, 1865.**

It has been suggested that a meeting of those interested in constructing a road of some kind to the station be convened in Milton and steps should be taken to make sure that it was possible to construct a tramway to the Great Western Railway Station. This is something which should interest the business men of Milton and the farmers of a portion of Trafalgar and Nelson and the lower part of Esqueving. Steps should be taken to find out if the Great Western Railway would give any encouragement or aid to the enterprise as it would be to their advantage to draw traffic away from the Grand Trunk Railway by this means. If the Great Western was approached they would gain their consent.

Through the efforts of Sheriff McKindsey and others the worst piece of road between Milton and Bronte that near the bush on the second line is being gravelled. The Trafalgar council was induced to grant \$75 and the county \$40 for this project and private enterprise and work is accomplishing the rest.

A common school festival was held last week in Elm Grove, Esqueving. The movement began to hold the festival with the Waterloo and Limehouse schools. They invited several more rural schools to join in the fun and No. 16 and the Stewarttown schools accepted. The two schools marched in a double column band to the meeting place, with banners, and were greeted by three rounds of cheers by the other schools and all marched together to Elm Grove. They were joined for the sports and speeches and picnic suppers by all parents and friends of the group. The gathering did not break up until night was falling.



## Library Notes

This column should be entitled "Library Lists" instead of "Library Notes" for it seems the right time to emphasize once more that the library has something for everyone, and can give service to both the busy person needing information and the people with leisure to read. There are numerous instructive pamphlets and government publications available and the following small list is a cross section of the library's collection.

**Care of Dairy Equipment**, Dept. of Agriculture.

**Canada Agricultural Experiment Farm**, Dept. of Agriculture.

**The Canadian Pension Commission & War Veterans Allowance Board Annual Report**, Dept. of Veteran Affairs.

**Pension Act**, Queen's Printer.

**Dorion Report**, Queen's Printer.

**Women at Work in Canada**, Dept. of Labour.

**Report of Preparatory Committee on Collective Bargaining**, The Queen's Printer.

**Loan and Trust Companies**, The Queen's Printer.

**Columbia River Treaty**, Queen's Printer.

**The Senate of Canada**, Queen's Printer.

**Hospital Care in Canada**, Dept. of National Health and Welfare.

**Canada and United States Principles for Parliament**, (Heeney Report) Queen's Printer.

**Analysis of Motor Vehicle Repair Trade**, Dept. of Labour.

**Immigration Statistics 1964**, Dept. of Citizenship and Immigration.

**Angling Regulations in Canada**, Government Travel Bureau.

After that thought-provoking list, here are a few titles in a humorous view. Many of these are old favourites, but are possibly new to some people:

Cecil, H., **Sober as a Judge**.

Cecil, H., **Ways and means**.

Cecil, H., **Unlawful occasions**.

Potter, S., **The theory and practice of gamesmanship**.

Potter, S., **Some notes on life-manship**.

Quentin, P., **Family Skeletons**. Of general interest will be:

Pitkin, W., **Life begins at fifty**.

Plant, G., **The case for the chosen people**.

Kressing, H., **The cook**.

Laklan, C., **The candle book**. The last book will no doubt interest those needing ideas for bazaars.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The best way to keep your friends is not to give them away.

-Wilson Mizner.

● **THE MACHINERY** seems to be warming up for the election of the last Halton Member of Parliament. Redistribution proposals have indicated quite clearly Halton is going to be divided in some way. The only proposal so far is for a three-way split that would place Halton residents in three different areas. Thus whoever is elected in this election will be the last Member of Parliament to represent Halton.

● **SITTING THROUGH** three days of annexation hearing is a good education. Unfortunately not too many can take that amount of time to simply sit and listen, but if it was possible, it would be good training for those who might seek council and other municipal positions. The good and bad is presented with equal enthusiasm and to increase the interest, you can always engage yourself or someone else in speculation on the outcome.

● **ONE POINT** that emerged clearly to me during the annexation hearing was that the town

doesn't need to worry about pipe lines to the lake for some time to come. Evidence indicated the town has located sufficient water for a town of 40,000 to 50,000. An opposing witness suggested no line to the lake would be required until the population exceeded 20,000.

● **A SECOND POINT** on which the town has been accused by southern neighbors from the vantage point of a typewriter, is that the sewage treatment plant is polluting the Sixteen. There was certainly no evidence of this at the hearing, and construction of a plant addition to serve an increasing population will insure treatment even in storm conditions. Now perhaps these boys can be put back on the shelf.

● **ON FINAL POINT** on annexation. If a decision is given too late for inclusion in the weekly edition of The Champion, a special page will be published to insure the news is distributed locally as quickly as possible. The special, if necessary, will be available

able at the regular Champion dealers in the town. For those farther afield it will be included in the following issue.

● **IT'S CHURCH** anniversary time with the arrival of the fall season. Went back to a church formerly attended this year after an absence of more than a decade, and found it well worthwhile. Met former friends not seen for a number of years, and was able to catch up on their activities in the intervening time. Renewal of friendships is one of the happy by-products of attending church anniversaries.

● **MILTON FALL FAIR** is wrapped up for another year and the weather proved just about right. Grandstand seats were plentiful but it took warmer than usual clothing to occupy one, out in the sun, for a very long stretch. The midway seems to grow longer each year or perhaps it's the pulls and pushes from the four who accompany me are increasing in strength.



-Staff Photo

**IT'S FALL FAIR TIME** and everybody has a friendly smile. Milton Fall Fair on the weekend attracted hundreds and as usual there was something for everybody to enjoy. This year's fair was the 113th and featured harness races, a midway, games of chance, competitions and displays, all adding up to two fun-filled days. In this photo, candy judges Mrs. H. A. Dickenson and Mrs. Alex McKinney chat with young Susan Whetham.

### Doubtful Benefit ...

Milton's adoption of a two year term for councillors will have doubtful benefits. It has been suggested it will increase interest in elections and this we find hard to believe. Last year's increase in remuneration to councillors, after the nominations, from \$8 a meeting to \$750 a year with any notice from \$750 to \$2000 has not been any noticeable stimulant for public interest.

The annual stimulant of a municipal election provides more interest than failing to

trouble the citizens' mind for a two year period. If the main reason for a two year term is the lack of people offering their abilities in the leadership of the community, then the town is indeed sick.

Usually citizens are asked to vote on a two year term. Council felt this quite unnecessary and made the decision themselves. Now you can only vote every other year. You had better assure yourself of a competent council.

### Milton Made its Case ...

With a sigh of relief we can write that Milton's annexation hearing is now over, but the end was far from climactic. There has been no decision by the Ontario Board members, nor has there been any indication when such a decision may be forthcoming, if ever.

For three days, evidence poured forth in support and opposition to the application. There were varying shades of opinion or interpretation on such things as economic projections and service facilities.

After sitting through the hearings for the three days we felt the town had presented a sound case for a further stage of growth. Beyond the projected 1986 population of 16,800, things became hazy, with dire warnings about the need for a \$7,000,000 pipe line to Lake Ontario for the dumping of more sewage into that mighty lake. We couldn't help but think dumping more sewage into Lake Ontario was hardly a solution to the increasing problem of lake pollution generally.

The problem of including, within the extended limits of the town, farm land on which people wish to continue farming, is a key one of location that is not easily or simply overcome. The path of progress is not always considerate of personal plans.

No one suggested that Milton had not run out of available land for further growth. No one challenged the availability of water to serve the town for the planning period of 20 years outlined. There was no evidence that sewage effluent from the town's treatment plant would pollute the Sixteen in the area of population growth to 20,000.

There was an unusual amount of support for annexation to the town from those who were included in the area outside the municipality. It was suggested they were naive to expect the villages they wanted at only a slight increase in taxes, but no evidence was submitted to prove any of them incompetent in making up their mind.

It should be understood that if the an-



BY BILL SMILEY

## Sugar and Spice ...

No matter how busy the summer has been, each year the wildly accelerating pace of life in autumn comes as a jolt. One is not eased, but hurled, back into the rat-race.

First shock, akin to diving off an ice-floe in the vicinity of Greenland, is the re-opening of school. It's exciting for the kids, exhausting for parents, and pure chaos for the teacher.

One day it's Labor Day. Calm, competent, relaxed, the teacher patters about the long, silent fresh-waxed halls of the school, picking up his mail and planning an afternoon round of golf.

The next day, he is just another ant in an anthill. He is buffeted in the halls by a maelstrom of students. He frantically makes class lists, sells padlocks, fills out forms. He directs weeping gradinners who are lost, or can't remember the combination of their lockers. He comforts near-weeping new teachers who don't know what to do, nor why, where, nor when.

Just to add to the general jollity at our school this fall, we went on a double shift. Our

team starts classes at 8 a.m. This means hitting the deck at 6.30 or earlier. Pull a teen-ager out of bed at 6.30 and you have a surly teen-ager. Pull a teacher out of bed ditto and you have a ditto teacher. It's bad enough these fine autumn mornings but there'll be murder by mid-winter.

But school is only part of autumn's rude awakening. There is the despair that strikes when you read a list of the "new" television shows and discover that not a single tree or shrub has been planted in the wasteland of last year's TV.

Bills sprout like thistles in autumn. There's the remains of last winter's fuel bill with "please" typed in red. There's the notice of the mortgage payment. There's the one entitled "Last Warning" from the guy who sodded the bald spot on your lawn last June. There's the first instalment of music lessons. There's the note from your friendly bank manager.

And this fall, the thistles are longer and sharper than ever before, with a kid heading for university. We figured out that he will need approxi-

mately as much money this year as my old man used to raise a family of five on. Hugh's idea of helping out with finances was to take off in mid-September with my best jacket, all my socks without holes, and every shirt — both of them.

Meetings galore. There's the notice of the curling club meeting, at which "we will discuss the advisability of raising the fees." They were raised. There's the notice from the Library Board for the first fall meeting, at which the Property Committee (guess who's chairman) will present its report. There's a reminder that the speech offered to make last June, will be presented in 10 days. There's the memo about the staff meeting at 7 a.m. There's the advice that my resignation as teacher of the Bible Class has been ignored and classes commence on Sunday.

In between, the lawn has grown four inches. The hedge (Continued on Page C2)



## DOWN(S) IN THIS CORNER

WITH ROY DOWNS

● **ONE GOOD** story deserves another, and my report in a recent column about the strange "unidentified flying object" that floated down from space, produced another strange tale.

Harry Woods of Campbellville called to tell me about the day a pair of hand-made leather gloves came floating down from space. He's got the mitts to prove it. According to his story, it was a wintry day and a new fall of snow was lying on the road. He was driving along a Campbellville district road and encountered a man whose car was stuck. He stopped to help, then turned around in a driveway and headed back the way he had come.

Noticing something lying in the snow, right on top of the tracks he had just made, he stopped to see what it was. It was this strange pair of mitts, obviously hand-made ones, trimmed with what appears to be wolf hair. Mr. Woods is sure no-one else was on the road that morning, and the man who was stuck didn't lose them.

How did they get there? Mr. Woods believes they must have fallen from a plane. "The funniest looking pair of mitts I ever saw," he says.

\* \* \* KELSIO CONSERVATION area officials recently polled park us-

ers on where they came from and why they visited the beautiful playground west of Milton. Their reasons for entering Kelsio showed the majority were interested in swimming and sightseeing.

Alan Ward, who took the survey, said the answers showed 28.8 per cent came to swim, 23.2 per cent for sightseeing and general activities, 20.6 per cent for picnics, 14.6 for picnics and a swim, 7.6 per cent for fishing, 1.2 per cent to see the Museum, .8 per cent for boating and .4 per cent for other activities.

We're very fortunate that, right here on our doorstep, we have a park that can offer all those facilities.

### PEEKING INTO MILTON'S PAST



**AN EARLY VIEW** of part of Milton's Main St. is shown in this old photo from the George Jackson collection. The "Centre Building" at the left is signed "Milton Shoe Co." and the small brick building in the centre was once a law office and now is Christie and Woods Real Estate. There's a blank space where The Champion office is located today. The frame buildings at right have since been replaced by Cottage Delicatessen and Clement's Wallpaper. The flag carrier, drummers and boys with the goat are believed to have been a Negro band. Can anyone tell us more about this photo?

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