• THERE'S A NUMBER of park areas around the town known by such meaningless titles as Block E or Block B. Ideally they should all receive names and this will be one of the tasks of the Parks Board. In discussions recently a lot of possibilities were mentioned but I'm sure there are a good many suggestions floating around in the minds of citizens that would be quite appropriate. If you've got an idea of some

name that should be remembered and would be suitable for a park or some other combination that would be helpful, drop me a note or send it to the Milton Parks Board of Management, Box 1,362

• THE BALMY, spring - like weather of Thursday was quickly transformed into a winter wonderland on Friday in typically unpredictable Canadian fashion. The wind-whipped hills at Kelso were fine for tobogganing though on Saturday and it was the first really suitable weather for a lot of toboggans and skis to get their first workout. Everytime I go to Kelso I come away thankful such an area is located so close to

 EVERY INDUSTRY has some individual recognized as some sort of a giant and in the newspaper business Roy Thomson with his string of newspapers in Canada, United States, England

and a host of other countries fills the bill. Reading a recent book, Roy Thomson of Fleet, over the quieter holiday season is a real eye-opener. Without any newspaper experience he started in Timmins to build what is recognized as one of the world's largest publishing operations. I have no desire to emulate him but it does make interesting reading for those who know him or know publishing.

 IT'S AMAZING how comfortable they make you while they take your blood at one of those Red Cross Blood Donor Clinics. And it's refeshing too to see so many turn out for the regular blood-letting. It all adds up to the maintenance of blood supplies in the event of emergencies as well as furthering research. A hint for beginners though: Go before supper. With juice, and soft drinks before and coffee, raisin bread or cookies aftre, it's just no place for anyone with a full sto-

ables, I mean people with more money than I. They leave our northern community for Florida, Mexico, the West Indies. In one fell swoop, we get

Sugar and Spice ...

BY BILL SMILEY

rid of all the softies, the cowards, the sybarites. In short the rich white trash.

This is the time of year when

we get rid of all the undesirables

in the community. By undesir-

It's as much a part of our heritage as the Saturday night bath or spring cleaning. And I think it's a good thing.

When the last barber or bricklayer has bragged about being off to the Bahamas, when the last druggist or doctor has informed me pompously that "We'll probably take in Acapulco this year", I feel a sense of

The rats have left the freezing ship and there's only the hard core, the sturdy pioneer types, the rugged individualist, and the poor people, left in the temperate (hah!) zone.

The rest of us, the best of us, can get down to the real glory of winter living, without stumbling over a lot of sissies who are better off down there getting sand in their navels.

As one of the old true - blue breed, fighting it out with the elements, I am inclined to scorn them. As a humanitarian, I can only pity them. Think of what they're missing!

What is there in the soft and sensuous south to equal that crunch of toes breaking off, that crack of bursitis in the shoulder when you throw the first curling stone, that snap of thigh bones on the ski hill?

Let's take a look at a couple of these hot weather hounds. Look at this bird in Florida. Gets out of bed and there's that same old, crumby, monotonous sun blazing down, just like all the other days. Same old routine. The inevitable orange juice on the inevitable patio; the inevitable trip to the beach with the inevitable obscenely fat softies lying all around. Or the inevitable sweating

out on the golf course with a lot of other middle-aged liars.

And here's our pal in Mexico, just getting up at 10.30. He hasn't paid last year's income tax yet, but he borrowed \$1,500 from the bank to make the trip. He has a hangover from those six ounce, 40 cent Mexican drinks, and a twisted back from trying to tango.

His wife, in the other twin bed, looks like an inmate of Belsen, because she's had Mexican complaint, commonly known as dire rear, ever since they crossed the border. She whines; he snarls. They totter out into the muggy heat. And another horrible day in Acapulco has begun.

It's not like that around here. My daughter wakes me at 6.30 and I call a cheery good morning. It may sound a bit more like "rumph" but it's well meant. My life's partner shoves (Continued on Page C2)

## DOWN(S) IN THIS CORNER WITH ROY DOWNS

want to hang onto it for a while. The same dates will apply again in 1971 and 1982, and if there's any Scottish ancestry in you, that's cue enough to store it away for at least six years.

The only problem, I find, is in attempting to make a mental note for January 1, 1971 to dig out that 1965 calendar you've stored away. If your memory is anything like mine, you won't be able to remember what you had for lunch yesterday, let alone recalling to dig out a date list you've had hidden away in a dresser drawer for the past six years.

Speaking of calendars, I received a novel one at the first of the year from my dear friend Earl Davison of Detroit. Earl's an insurance man and a key worker in the Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers Association, and he's one of the many Steam-Era men with whom I've enjoyed building up a friendship over the last five

Earl's a genuine "nut" when it comes to antiques. A former resi-

IF YOU HAVEN'T thrown out dent of Ontario now enjoying all your 1965 calendar yet, you might the amenities of living State-side, Earl has taken with him to Yankee-land a vast collection of early farm antiques and machinery that once helped the Ontario pioneers develop this wonderful land of

> Each year on Labor Day weekend he loads up the car with as many antiques as it will hold, and comes up to Milton to spend a week helping to organize and operate the steam reunions. Earl's big interest in steam and antiques will be borne out by the fact he also attends all the monthly business and social meetings of the club, despite the driving distance and the fact he has to stay overnight in a motel rather than drive home to Detroit in the middle of the night on what he calls the "401 distressway".

now I've explained some of Earl's background, you can imagine his business calendar every year has something to do with antiques. You're right.

This year he sent out a 1910 calendar, complete with pictures of endars.

1910 model cars including such well-known models as the Baker, Hudson, White Steamer, Hupmobile, Overland, and such lesserknown and shorter-lived models as the Marmon, Stearn, Owen, American Underslung, Premier and Stevens-Duryea. The pictures are beautiful and certainly make up a fitting calendar for an antique-lover to distribute.

But a 1910 calendar in 1966? Had me beginning to wonder about Earl, until I noticed a small notation on the first page of the calendar — it seems the 1910 dates also apply to the year 1966! The first of January, 1910, was a Saturday the same as it was this

Seems to me the guy who invented our system of months and dates was a pretty sharp charac ter, arranging it so the same dates Getting back to the calendar, would keep coming up year after year. I've some more startling information about calendars and recurring dates, but space doesn't permit me to go into it more fully right now.

So next week, more about cal-

#### "Sit Still, Milton" Province Says... It appears the province has effectively it acted in good faith. It prepared a detailed

Wintry Scene

put a straight jacket on Milton for two years. case for annexation; because of its faith it A decision of the Ontario Municipal Board to allow the town 214 acres and withhold any ruling on the balance until after the Plunkett report has been received AND STUDIED, means frustrating days ahead.

Let's look at the land given. The area in Esquesing is designated industrial. It is furthest from the sewage treatment plant and will require an expensive trunk sewer line to offer any service. No land was granted on the east side of the highway that would naturally figure in plans for the main sewer

The land the Plaza is located on has now been added to the town. The parking lot, of course, had always been in town. None of the industries or industrial land served by the town, to the east of the Plaza, has been included.

In all the land granted to the town there is no provision for any residential property. Apartment construction is virtually frozen. In the meantime the demand for accommodation far exceeds the supply, and many of those who could make a worthwhile contribution to community life are being deprived an opportunity of even living here. With a stable population there can be little hope of commercial growth, yet this is reputedly one of the desirable areas for expansion because of the high rate of assessment that is applied.

How long is this situation likely to continue? The picture is bleak. The Plunkett report is due in August 1966. If it is on time we'll be pleasantly surprised. After its submission, however, there must be time for "study" by the provincial government and presumably by the municipalities affected. With some disagreements, debate, stalling and delays an estimate of a year for the study is optimistic.

The town has been effectively "sold down the river" for about 30 months because

#### lomorrow ...

Procrastination, as some of us know to he'd write. Tomorrow. And thought of the our cost, is the thief of good intentions no folk he would fill with delight. Tomorrow. less than of time, but rarely has the point been made so well as in the following verse, the author of which, alas, is unknown:

He was going to be all that a mortal could be. Tomorrow. No one should be kinder or braver than he. Tomorrow. A friend who was troubled and weary, he knew, who'd be glad of a lift — and who needed it, too; on him he would call and see what he could do. Tomorrow.

Each morning he stacked up the letters

spent \$25,000, to insure completeness; it engaged respected and authoritative experts; it initiated a second application because the O.M.B., after an earlier hearing, seemed to suggest the smaller area of land was not enough; it applied the second time for a larger area; its representatives accepted the word of a respected representative of the Department of Municipal Affairs that a suggested regional review would not affect the application; it sought discussions with neighboring municipalities to work out solutions in advance — it acted in good faith.

The Department of Municipal Affairs since decided the Plunkett study might have some bearing on the town's boundaries. Did they admit an error and apologize to the town, or offer compensation in any way? No. The petitions submitted to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, which in effect is the provincial cabinet, just produced the answer that Milton should wait. Submission of a county council resolution, unanimously approved, placed on the record the assurance of Dr. Cumming that the Plunkett review would not affect the Milton application. But of course, it has. Needless to say, Milton representatives and Milton citizens have lost a good deal of confidence they may have had in the individual and the Department. One wonders seriously about the vaunted impartiality of the all-powerful Ontario Municipal Board.

Meanwhile the town is supposed to plan intelligently, prepare a five year capital budget, consider planned expansion. But how? All the missing pieces of the jig-saw are held by the province and Mr. Plunkett.

If Milton electors find difficulty in getting people to sit on their council in future, it may well be that the frustration of provincial interference and broken promises is too overpowering for a municipality like Milton to cope with.

It was too bad, indeed, he was busy, today, and hadn't a minute to stop on his way; "More time I will have to give others," he'd say. "Tomorrow".

The greatest of workers, this man would have been. Tomorrow. The world would have known had he ever seen Tomorrow. But the fact is he died, and he faded from view; and all that he left when his lifetime was through, was a mountain of things he'd intended to do. Tomorrow.

### THE GOOD OLD DAYS

### GLANCING BACK TO 20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of The Canadian Champion, January 10, 1946.

The mild weather put a crimp in the hockey schedule this week. No ice was available for the Monday night game when Orangeville was due here. The Intermediate O.H.A. curtain went up in Milton Milton team tangled with the Elora Rocks and came out on the short end of a 4-2 score after 60 ers on the Milton team included hurst on defence and Cox, Borer and Timbers on the forward line. McMunn, Gervais, Kennedy, Sclisizzi, Basso and Blinco were alter-

The annual meeting of the Halton Crop Improvement Association was held in the Court House, Milton, on January 5. Well over cellent program which had been Niven is first vice-president and year 1946 will be A. T. Woodley of president.

Milton. J. E. Whitelock of Milton is secretary treasurer and local directors include J. H. Willmott, Frank Hall, W. E. Breckon, A. Service, Mansell Nellis and W. Swack-

The W.M.S. of Knox Church held their opening meeting for arena Thursday night when the 1946 at the manse on Tuesday afternoon. President for the new year is Mrs. R. Adams. Mrs. G. Dawson is, first vice-president, minutes of rugged action. Play- Mrs. C. Marsh is second vicepresident and Mrs. W. I. Dick is McDuffe in goal; Brush and Dew- corresponding secretary. Mrs. J. Riddell is secretary.

The executive meeting of the W.M.S. of St. Paul's Church was held at the home of Mrs. R. M. Clements on January 4. Honorary presidents for the coming year are Mrs. J. J. Wilson, Mrs. F. J. Willmott, Mrs. McClenahan and Mrs. J. S. Stevenson. Mrs. R. M. Cle-100 were in attendance for the ex- ments is president, Mrs. F. Mcprovided. The president for the Mrs. Marcellus is second vice-

#### GLANCING BACK TO 50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of The Can-

adian Champion, January 13, 1916. Postmaster Steward complains that in the evenings many people crowd into the post office without having business there, obstructing those who wish to open boxes. The walls, which were white are now discolored. They look near the floor, as if people had put the soles of their feet against them. One vandal has inscribed his initials with pencil on all the walls.

An opportunity will shortly be and L. E. Fleck, Reeves respectivegiven to every citizen of the town ly of Oakville and Georgetown are to do his bit in the present strug- said to be candidates for the Wargle for freedom. A club is to be den's seat. formed here within the next two weeks to be called the Hundred Club, the object being to make it pleted and the Office Specialty easy for those who cannot fight Co. is now equipping it with filcents a month while the war lasts. the registrar no doubt will move The money thus raised will be in.

of the Red Cross Society. Halton prohibitionists met at Burlington last Friday. It was decided to hold the petitions for the submission of the Scott Act which are being circulated in Halton until the Ontario Government

turned over to the Milton Branch

has dealt with that of the Committee of One Hundred of Toronto for provincial prohibition. First meeting of county council for 1916 will be held on Tuesday. There is no change in the membership. Messrs A. S. Forster

The work on the building of the new registry office has been comto help the men who are fighting. ing requistes and other equip-Each member will agree to pay 50 ment. After this has been done

#### GLANCING BACK TO 100 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of The Canadian Champion, January 11, 1866. The annual meeting of the

Hornby District Loyal Orange Lodge was held at Milton on Tuesday. The following are the officers selected for the current year. Master Issac Hunter; Deputy-Master John Clements; Treasurer E. Hilmer; secretary W. A. Agar; Chaplain Joseph Wallace; D. C. John Cook.

Mr. Eager has been re-located as a school trustee for the north ward. Mr. Center has taken the rison. At the close of the polls the roads.

vote was as follows, Smith 29, We are informed that a meet-

ing was held on Saturday evening at Hullsville in the County of Halton at which a large number of influential Conservatives were present to take into consideration the steps necessary for holding a Conservative meeting during the present month.

The Milton Monthly Cattle Fair came on Thursday last but owing to a variety of causes it proved to place of Mr. Lyon who retired in be rather a failure. The day was the East ward and Mr. George very cold and stormy and many Smith has been elected in the of the farmers at a distance could south ward in a contest with the not bring in their cattle on acretiring trustee Mr. Johnson Har- count of the slippery state of the

### LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

bridge is a play where you make had the lead against the three no the opponents discard cards that trump contract and chose the guard a suit. The simplest squeeze play is where one opponent guards two suits and you can force him to release one of the

One of the prerequisites of a squeeze play is that you must lose all the tricks except the ones that you are after. An example of this type of squeeze play occurred last week at the Acton Bridge Club. This was the hand. Dealer — South.

East - West vulnerable. North S-A 7 H-A 6 4 D-10 9 5 C-A J 8 6 5 West S-Q 653S-8 4 2 H-K J 10 9 D-J 8 D-A K 7 6 3 C-Q 10 3 South S-K J 10 9 H-Q 8 3 2D-Q 4 2

C-K 9 The bidding: North West Pass 3 NT All Pass Pass You may wonder at South's initial response of one heart. With both major suits, South does not want to miss a major suit fit. If

he bids spades the first round and North has four hearts, North may not be able to bid them at the two level. If South bids hearts the first round and North has four spades, then North can show them at the one level.

South's one heart bid had an

squeeze play at contract interesting effect on Wes. West other major — spades. He was reluctant to lead into South's hearts. The lead was won in South's hand and the king of clubs was cashed. A club finesse lost to East. East "rectified the count" by cashing two diamond tricks. Now South has a squeeze for the rest of the tricks.

> East exited with a spade and dummy played off the good clubs. Unfortunately, East did not know the value of his heart seven, for he discarded it on the clubs. The position after the last club had been played was as follows:

North H-A 6 4East S-Q6**Immaterial** н-к ј South S-K J

The diamond was led from dummy and South won. West could not protect both suits. He was squeezed in the majors. He must discard either a spade or a heart. Since he knew that declarer had the spades, he threw away the heart jack. South's spade king and dummy's heart ace and six took the last three

Last week's winners were: first, Brian Hamilton and Chuck Hamilton; tied for second, George Solty and Jack Coats, with Duke Wilson and Mike Lorusso.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Fame is no plant that grows on mortal soil.

PEEKING INTO MILTON'S PAST



A LARGE CROWD was gathered at the CNR railway station on Bronte St. one day in 1915, and Jack McLaughlin who loaned the print to The Champion says they were waiting for the 76th Battalion to come marching through town. He remembers several of the gents pictured standing in the foreground. Both the buildings shown have since been replaced or changed around.

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