



# Jim's Jottings

by jim dills

• **The wrestling show** in Milton last week attracted a good degree of interest and perhaps some unexpected participation. It's a long time since I've seen a wrestling match but in Milton Arena it was too close to miss. I must admire the ability of those fellows to put on a show. Some people take it seriously and some don't. That's up to them. I find their ability to anticipate crowd reactions and come up with crowd-pleasing results is uncanny. The ring side chair wielder in the audience got sufficiently worked up to attempt to take out his own dislike on the "bad" guy.

• **A suggestion that bus service** should be provided from Milton to points north and south is sometimes heard. It's argued it would provide important links to the transportation lines above and below us. The town council tried to gauge the interest with the introduction of the GO transit service through Oakville and Bronte. Only 10 people expressed any interest so understandably the town doesn't have a case to put to any franchised bus operator to indicate such a service would be worthwhile. Perhaps there's apathetic interest but when it comes to a questionnaire that takes action.

• **It's in little ways you miss the**

morning trip to the post office. Besides picking up the mail and probably chatting with some along the way, the post office served quite informally as another communication link. Death notices placed there were almost certain to attract the attention of all who entered there. And so the word of a death in the family quickly spread. Now that everyone doesn't visit the post office any more I've offered our front window for such notices. It won't be as good as the post office, which was visited by almost everyone once a day, but perhaps in time it will fill as usefully a roll. Cards will be placed in our front window as soon as they are received as a service to all.

• **Earl Black has his flower boxes** and hanging flower baskets out on the Main St. again this year and I offer congratulations. If the idea could just be spread all the way down the street people would drive into the town just to see it. And those who chanced on the community would remember it for that alone. Beautification is something no one can do alone, but if everyone would pitch in the results would be miraculous. Earl optimistically hopes his idea will be copied and so do we. A little beauty is well worthwhile.



# Down[s] in this Corner

with roy downs

Heading for Expo 67 this summer? Don't miss the big show at Montreal, but be prepared to put up with crowds, heat, line-ups and sore feet.

Canada's birthday exposition is well underway and while it's a world's fair you can't afford to miss, it has been so popular the big crowds have caused a few problems. Our family spent four days of last week at Expo and rather than tell you what we saw, I'd prefer to warn you of a few of the pitfalls about attending Expo.

**Because of the crowds, you'll have** to stand in line-ups to see many of the major and more popular pavilions. We went early in the year hoping to miss the July and August crowds but it was still pretty busy last week, thanks to the American holiday on Tuesday.

Don't plan to see it all in one day, it's impossible. Plan at least three days at Expo, and more if time permits. Try to plan your visit to see several pavilions close to one another in one day to cut down on the walking. The Expo Express train is fast, free, and easy to get on and off, and it saves a lot of long walks across bridges between the three islands that comprise Expo. But it won't take you everywhere. Minirails are fun and you get a good view of everything from them, but they cost 25 or 50 cents a ride and won't drop you everywhere you want to go.

**If the big pavilions like Labyrinth,** U.S., Russia, France, Germany, Bell Telephone and a few others look too busy and the lineups are too long for your liking, you'll have just as much fun in the smaller pavilions like Japan, Africa Nations, Monaco, Scandinavia, Burma, Thailand, Habitat and many of the theme pavilions. And there won't be lineups.

You should dress for a warm day but carry sweaters or jackets in case it turns cool, and to protect you from breezes. Best bet is to listen to the radio each morning for the day's weather forecast on any of the Montreal stations. They'll usually tell you Expo temperatures are about five degrees cooler than in downtown Montreal.

Whatever you do on your trip to Expo, carry a picnic lunch with you. There are many good places to stop and sit down for lunch. You can buy snacks, box lunches, sandwiches and hamburgs on the grounds and the prices are fairly reasonable, but you'll have to stand in line at one booth for food, then line-up again at another booth for a hot or cold drink.

Washroom facilities at Expo weren't large enough to handle the larger-than-expected crowds and more are being constructed. But until there are more, the ladies will find they have to line-up

for anywhere from 10 to 30 minutes. Men's washrooms didn't seem as busy, but the ladies in our party decided after the first 20-minute wait that in future they wouldn't wait until it was an emergency call to join a line.

If there's a special pavilion you would like to visit and the lineups are too long for your liking, you could try the "Reservexpo" service available at any Esso information booth on the grounds. Get to Expo by 9 a.m. so you're first in when the gates open at 9:30 and head for the first Esso booth you find. Be prepared, even then, to wait in line while computers process your application for seats in the pavilion of your choice at whatever time you'd like to be there. A small percentage of seats can be reserved at five major pavilions which show films. I tried it once but after 20 minutes in the line found people in front of me had been waiting for three hours for their reservations.

If you're taking the children, plan your day so that when they get tired you can stop at a park and let them rest. Or when they get bored, head for La Ronde amusement area, where they can go on rides and have all kinds of fun. Whatever you do, don't crowd too much walking into any one day because the children will be so tired out the next day it will spoil it for everyone as you drag them around.

Meals on the grounds range from an inexpensive box lunch to some rather high-cost meals in some of the more lavish pavilions. The Ontario pavilion has five restaurants with a selection of menus and prices sure to please most visitors. The Canadian pavilion serves an excellent buffet dinner at \$2.50 a plate. Numerous steak and chicken restaurants also give you a fair meal for less than \$2. You can get drinks with your dinner in most of the buildings.

Children shouldn't miss a free puppet show at the Brewers' pavilion. You can pay to have toddlers placed in a baby-sitting park for half a day, or rent a stroller to push them around the grounds. They have a children's creative centre for a limited number of 6-11 year-olds.

Night time is fun at Expo, especially at La Ronde. The Expo Express or Minirail rides will give you a breathtaking view of the illuminated buildings and at midnight a grand display of "dancing waters" with fireworks is a free show you shouldn't miss.

If you're tired out after a couple of days at the fair, you're smart to take a one-day rest before heading back again. Montreal has numerous attractions and the easiest and least expensive is a night view of the city from atop Mount Royal. Have fun at Expo, but go prepared.



**WHAT BAREFOOT BOY** wouldn't smile proudly at this catch — a whopping lake trout taken from Lake Kashawigamog in Ontario's Haliburton Highlands northeast of Toronto. This province has a quarter million lakes to tempt the avid angler. (Ontario Department of Tourism and Information Photo)



# Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley

What's the most common question being batted about the country these days? That's right. It's "Are you going to Expo?"

Well, are you? If not, why not? You can't afford it? Of course you can. You mean you can't afford to miss it.

Yeah, you say, but what about bread, loot, gold, money? Nothing to it. Anybody who can't make some fast money in this ridiculous world deserves to starve to death, let alone not go to Expo.

I have a few suggestions. In fact, I have quite a few, because I've been giving the matter of our own trip some thought. I've discarded one or two of them for various reasons, but it's every man to his own taste, and one or more of them might be just the ticket for you.

Put your wife to work. If she's already working and you still can't afford the trip, have an auction sale and get rid of a lot of that old junk you've accumulated over the years. This does not refer to your wife.

If you haven't any old junk, think of something. Throw a bingo party. Chicken feed, you say? All right then, how about throwing a martini party, at \$5 a rattle, on the Monday of a holiday weekend, when everybody has run out of booze? You'd clear about \$300.

Buy some veterans' calendars, cut off one of your arms, and sell them door to door.

Come on, you can figure out a gimmick. Send your kids out mowing lawns. If you have no kids, send your mother-in-law out mowing lawns. And if she's too decrepit, insure her heavily and push her off a cliff.

Arrange with a friend to bump your car gently from behind at a stop light, then run screaming to the doctor and claim you have a whiplash and collect bags of insurance.

No? How about some blackmail? Know anybody who's running around with somebody who shouldn't be running around with anybody?

Have a moving van come in the middle of the night, remove all your furniture, then you set fire to the house and claim insurance for it and the furniture. You could clear \$3,000 on this one.

Speaking of moving vans, how about pushing your wife, or husband, in front of a moving van, provided you have a joint account and mutual insurance?

All of these are too coarse, or common, or complicated for you? My, you are an old poke. So run a bookie joint, sell pot, hold up a bank, if you want something simple.

Against your principles? Well, all right, all right, but it shows the depths of depravity to which I can sink in the middle of the night, as I try to figure out how we can afford Expo plus all the redecorating my wife is doing.

Well, you and your danged principles have forced me into it.

Here's the deal. We're going to have a contest. Now, we all love contests, don't we? I have been writing this column for about 14 years, without missing a week. I want a week off to go to Expo. Still with me?

I have a great many faithful readers (and no doubt a fair smattering of unfaithful ones, too). Many of them write very well, as I know from letters received.

For the best guest column submitted, I will personally send a cheque for \$25, along with an autographed copy of my latest book. The latest one is the one I haven't written for MacMillan Company. The other books I haven't written were not published by McLelland-Stewart and Prentice-Hall.

This handsome award (so I'm not J. P. Morgan) will be supplemented by the Telegram News Service, 440 Front St. W., Toronto 2B. They will either double or triple the cash award, depending on their attitude when they read this, which is the first they've heard of it.

Topic: Anything you like. Length: about 700 words. Send all entries to above address.

And here you are. Cash. If you win, you can take your choice. You can hitch-hike to Expo and blow the whole bundle on high living. Or you can bet it on a horse, fly to Montreal and rough it at the Queen Elizabeth.

This is real. Get cracking today.

## Champion Editorial Page

### Imagination at work

One of the most pleasant and imaginative parts of the town's Centennial Mill Pond project has been the stocking of the pond with speckled trout. Nothing we've seen in recent times has attracted so much interest or proven the potential of the project as much as that single act.

The potential of the pond has been there all the time but the simple stocking of it with hungry fish has made it a focal point for everyone from school children to truck drivers.

For awhile it looked like school children might be packing their fishing gear with them to school rather than a baseball mitt. On several occasions we noticed trucks parked and drivers evidently wetting a line on a lunch stop.

We understand the Department of Lands and Forests will keep the pond stocked as long as the town will permit the fishing, and this seems to be quite a happy arrangement.

Now the young lads with that kind of an interest don't have to hike off to fished out neighboring trickles of water for a chance at some kind of a catch.

Few towns have such a worthwhile facility within their borders where the boys and serious fishermen can get a look at a fish.

Prohibiting power boats is also an intelligent, as well as necessary regulation. Power boats on a body of water that size would not only be ridiculous but also troublesome and we like the thought that somewhere there is a chance for a quiet paddle or row on a body of water without a swamping by a speeding power boat.

We've been talking about the potential of that mill pond for years and now it appears the body of water is to achieve a rightful and worthwhile spot as a focal point in the community. Hopefully it will be linked by a rustic bridge to Rotary Park and the whole complex linked by a stream-side walk to a yet-to-be-developed park in the south end of town. Then we will really have realized a natural facility, preserved for quiet enjoyment, within the borders of the town and around which a parks complex worthy of the town might be centred.

### Drowning toll increases

The drowning statistical survey published recently by the Canadian Red Cross shows that drownings in 1966 increased 14 1/2 per cent to 1,265. The majority of these casualties were associated with boating activities, swimming, wading and accidental falls into the water.

Nearly 28 per cent of the fatalities involved boating mishaps. Drownings occurring while persons were swimming or wading increased more than 53 per cent to 273 victims. About the same number of persons lost their lives as a result of falling into water, including falling overboard. This includes 36 persons who fell into wells, ditches, sloughs, tanks and excavations.

There were increases of 100 per cent or more in the categories covering drowning associated with diving into water, attempted rescue, non-aquatic vehicle, seizure and occupations.

The age group between 13 and 21 continues to record the highest number of fatalities with 293. This represents more than 23 per cent of the total figure.

While statistics are not complete, figures show that at least 170 children under 12 years of age drowned because there were no adults supervising them.

The increase in drownings over 1965 was probably due to the extraordinary fine weather that most parts of Canada enjoyed in 1966. People took to the water in greater numbers, and more frequently too, in order to make the most of the good weather. This increased the probability of accidental drowning and the figures bear this out in the final results.

The Red Cross has no alternative but to keep harping on the subject of water safety and to continue expanding its educational program until the annual death toll by drowning decreases to a realistic figure. Drownings can never be totally prevented but they definitely can be reduced substantially if everyone makes an honest effort of becoming more aware of water safety principles and practices.

Be water wise! Learn to survive!



## Pages of the Past

from champion files

### 20 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Canadian Champion, June 5, 1947.

Two persons escaped injury when the cars they were driving were in collision at the intersection of Commercial and Pine Streets early Sunday afternoon. According to investigation by Chief W. G. Canning, Lloyd D. Wood was driving east on Pine St. and the second car was operated by Bruce Ervine when the impact occurred. The Woods car was forced into a telephone pole on the north corner, knocking down several wires and disrupting telephone service. The fronts of the vehicles were badly damaged. Police said no charges would be laid.

Operating the National Cafe here for the past 14 years, John, George and Robert Mark have sold the business to relatives, James and Yum Mark of Toronto. The new proprietors took over the business June 2. Yum Mark, who will be chef at the National, has been head chef at Gil-Mar Lodge, Bobcaygeon, for the last seven years, while his nephew James has operated restaurants at different centres in the province. The Mark boys, who were highly esteemed for their honesty, are taking a vacation before they decide what they intend to do. They will be missed by the younger crowd, who were great friends of the trio. They all wish them success in whatever venture they decide to take.

### 50 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Canadian Champion, June 8, 1917.

A convocation of the Liberals of Halton will be held in the town hall in Milton, Friday, June 15, for the purpose of selecting a candidate to contest the county in the approaching general election for the provincial Legislature. At the close of the convention a public meeting will be held at which addresses will be delivered by the candidate-elect and also by the following speakers: Mrs. Margaret Hyslop of Toronto, organizer for Ontario of the Ontario Women's Liberal Association; Wm. McDonald, M.P.P., special advocate of women suffrage in the legislature, and Sam Carter, M.P.P.

The band will play the following program on the band stand in Victoria Park, Thursday evening (tonight) at 8:15: Dault's "Royal Artillery" march, Gungl's "Casino Tranz" waltz, Schumann's "Crescent" march, Boieldieu's "Caliph of Bagdad" overture, C. Ancliffe's "Smiles, then Kisses" waltz, and Rosenkranz's "The Perambulator" march.

The engineer's plans for the proposed bridge at Tansley were not ready for the meeting of county council yesterday. Therefore it was necessary to adjourn to next Wednesday, when plans will be ready and it is expected the matter will be settled.

### 100 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Canadian Champion, Milton, June 6, 1867.

We regret to learn some wretched incendiary set fire to the little cottage of Mrs. Stewart near Omagh. She had just erected a dwelling and was so poor she had received aid from Council to do so. A more inhuman act has rarely been perpetrated, and we trust she and her little family may receive substantial aid from the charitably inclined, and that the Council of Trafalgar may again grant her aid.

To the Editor: I learned today regimentals, military cloths, Red Coats and white pants with hat and feather are being made for the boys attending Common School in this town. Now sir, in the very dangerous position in which we find ourselves today, it is, I admit, only a necessary act of prudence to drill the school boys, but I for one must protest against familiarizing their minds and habits to the Peacock Toggery of the military before they are out of school and wanted in the field — William King.

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## PEEKING INTO MILTON'S PAST



**SEEING THE BOYS OFF TO WAR** back in 1914 was one of the social highlights of the time. The whole town would gather at the railway station to say goodbye to the soldiers. Here's a photo

of part of the crowd at what is now the C.N.R. station when the first contingent left in 1914. Photo courtesy Mrs. C. Kennedy, Milton.