

Display at Steam-Era

David collects old bottles

by Roy Downs

"Dad was always telling me I should start a collection of something", says David Kneale as he explains his fascinating collection of early stone ginger beer bottles and antique glass bottles. At 11 years of age and after just three years of collecting, David has built up quite a collection of old bottles and his collection grows steadily. He had his best ginger beer bottles on display at the recent Steam-Era reunion and his display provoked a lot of comments and a lot of memories from people who lived in the era when soft drinks were sold in these containers. His Steam-Era display included 32 bottles, mostly ginger beers but a few old stone wine bottles were included. "I collect all kinds", smiles David.

full", says the youthful collector. That got him started. Now he visits auction sales looking

for additions to his collection, and on holiday trips he buys ginger beer bottles at antique shops, instead of souvenirs.

Prices are getting higher now and David says he pays from \$10 to \$25 for a bottle in good condition. They average about \$18.

For a while he had quite a collection of old medicine bottles, too, but his parents complained the collection was taking up too much house room. So David sold his medicine bottles to another collector and used the proceeds from the sale to buy—what else?—more ginger beer bottles.

Grows steadily Right now he has about 50 old glass bottles at home, in addition to the expanding horde of ginger beer type. Whenever he has time, David goes out in the country, hunting with a shovel in old settlement areas for more additions to his hobby.

Collecting seems to run in the Kneale family. His father is Cpl. Larry Kneale of Milton O.P.P., whose hobby is collecting police shoulder flashes, insignia, hats and caps. Larry's collection includes about 700 shoulder flashes and assorted police paraphernalia from around the world.

Now the youngest of the Kneales, six-year-old Michael, is also launched on a collecting hobby. He specializes in hydro insulators, those round glass objects which sit atop hydro poles. There is quite a variety of sizes, shapes and colors available and Michael's collection is steadily growing.

Mrs. Kneale? She doesn't collect anything yet—with a house full of collections she probably doesn't have room!

GINGER BEER, ANYONE? David Kneale, 11, recently had a display of 32 antique stone ginger beer bottles at the Steam-Era reunion and he has another 50 or so ginger beer and glass bottles at home. He's been collecting them for the past two or three years.

(Photo by R. Downs)



Chamber

May organize security program

Milton Chamber of Commerce may organize a joint effort among merchants to try to prevent shoplifting in their stores and shops.

At a recent meeting of the retail section of the Chamber, Retail Chairman Emmerson McCready discussed possible programs with his committee and the feeling of those in attendance was that they would favor a program.

Details of the program are not final yet and no firm decision to proceed in any direction has been made, but members discussed a similar project to one implemented in Kitchener. Extensive use of signs and other educational and protection oriented

devices worked there.

New program At the same meeting the committee indicated support for a new program the Ontario Chamber of Commerce is considering. The program known as Ontario Ballot is a way in which the various chambers could offer one united voice or opinion on matters to the provincial cabinet. One matter currently under consideration is regulation of retail store hours and according to Mr. McCready, there is a feeling in retail businesses favouring the idea of store hours being regulated on a provincial rather than a municipal basis.

Maltby claims

Need better weed control

Complaints from ratepayers about "obnoxious" weeds on certain properties in Esqueving township prompted Councillor George Maltby to suggest council "get the weed inspector going" at last week's meeting.

Reeve Tom Hill replied that ratepayers need only call the county weed inspector to get action. "He'll inspect the land and tell them to cut the weeds if they need it and if they don't he'll send somebody in to cut them and charge it up to the owners," the reeve explained.

Complaint unnecessary Hill said a complaint does not necessarily have to be lodged by an observer to have the weed inspector perform his duties, however.

Deputy-reeve Len Cox expressed the opinion many ratepayers are under the impression the county weed inspector has jurisdiction over county areas only.

"There's nothing I like to see better than weeds cut on agricultural land," added Councillor Wilfrid Leslie, "but how will you do it on rough land with creeks and rocks?"

"We can certainly

minimize the problem," Maltby interjected. Cox said he could see Leslie's point.

"Are we going to say if you've got good land you have to cut weeds and if it's rough you don't?" he asked.

Wider cut Councillor Leslie thought the township should lead the way in weed control by arranging for the township

cutter to take more than one swath of roadside weeds when it travels the roads. Councillor Maltby claimed most offenders are owners of non-productive land. "Cutting in open areas minimizes the problem for adjacent owners," he said. "If it's not done, producers have to spend money getting rid of weeds they're not responsible for."

—Meet your friends at Milton Fair this Friday and Saturday.

—New donors are asked to attend the blood clinic Thursday at the Legion.

Acute shortage at county office

Faced with an acute shortage of space for administrative offices, Halton County Council is investigating the possibility of using the former Children's Aid headquarters at 48 Hugh St. in Milton to alleviate growing pressures at the Steeles Ave. office building.

One proposal currently being considered is moving both the Emergency Measures Department and the Social and Family Services Department to the Hugh St. office.

Not ideal The building was once a house and has been converted but according to county officials, the building consists of many small rooms and does not provide ideal office accommodation.

Social and Family Services Administrator Rennie Vivian indicated the move could cause some hardship on his department as close liaison is necessary in sending out welfare checks.

Visit building Clerk Administrator Garfield Brown, Mr. Vivian and members of the committee are expected to visit the building prior to county

council's meeting today. A recommendation was expected to be dealt with at the county council meeting. The other alternative would be to have Regional chairman Allan Masson and his staff located at the Hugh St. office.

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Ottawa Report

by Terry O'Connor — Halton MP



Fall in rural Ontario is synonymous with county fairs. There are six fair weekends in our riding of Halton this year, including those at Milton, Georgetown, Acton and Erin, as well as the Hillsburgh Potato Fest. The Members of Parliament from rural Ontario are the envy of those from the cities and other provinces. It seems that our type of small agricultural fair is almost unique to Southern Ontario. These weekends provide an informal and pleasant atmosphere in which to meet and chat with friends and neighbors.

Two weekends ago, I took the whole family, including Moe, the four kids and two in-laws, up to the first annual Hillsburgh Potato Fest. It turned out to be an extremely ambitious first effort for the town of less than 600 people. However, all 600 must have been involved in the organization over the last year because the two days of activities included snowmobile races, games, rides for the kids, the crowning of a queen, fashion show, dance, etc., etc. But the most popular attraction, as might be expected, was the beer garden out there in right field at the ball park—tent, music and all. Hillsburgh deserves a great deal of credit for the success of their first venture.

By the time you read this, the Acton Fair will be over, but here is a rundown of those

People tend to forget soaring prices and capital punishment for a while and spend a few hours pretending they know all about knocking a wooden milk bottle off a shelf with a worn out baseball. Or, if you are less energetic, you can simply stand around and stare at some of the biggest and best Holsteins in the world. No

remaining in Halton riding this fall:
Milton, Sept. 21-22
Georgetown, Sept. 28-29
Erin, Oct. 5-8

If you have a problem, idea, comment, criticism or if you simply wish to get in touch with me, please stop by or call my riding office at 326 Lakeshore Road E., Oakville, 844-0222.

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R. V. Crank

The Industrial Development Bank announces the opening of a branch office at 345 Lakeshore Road East, Oakville with Mr. R. V. Crank as manager.

IDB provides financing, usually in the form of term loans, to businesses which are unable to obtain financial assistance from other sources on reasonable terms and conditions. IDB makes loans to almost every type of business including manufacturing, tourist industry, construction, wholesale and retail trade, agriculture, and many others.

The manager of the new office, Mr. Crank, has had some fifteen years service with IDB and prior to his present appointment he was manager of the Windsor office of the bank. The staff of the new office also includes J. E. Berrigan, C. W. Chidley, J. A. Martin, and D. R. Warne who were previously at the Toronto, Windsor, Sudbury, and Hamilton offices, respectively.