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1980 model?

No, it's not a new model that Harold Shipp, centre, and F. Alan Smith are driving — it's a 1980 Oldsmobile. Shipp, president of Applewood Chev Olds; Smith, president of General Motors of Canada, and Bert Grant, Jr., left, were on hand for the official opening of the new Applewood outlet in the Erin Mills Auto Centre last week. The ceremonies also previewed the new Chevrolets and Oldsmobiles, in addition to a few models from the past.

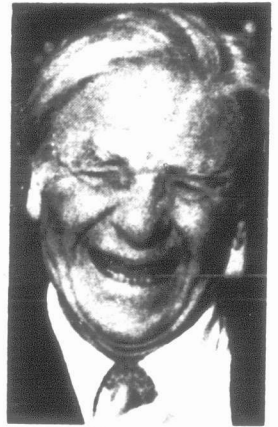
Fun money from Budge

By CONNIE RAE
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Financial woes aren't supposed to be funny, but not only did Budge Crawley have the Mississauga Board of Trade in stitches, Crawley himself had difficulty keeping a straight face.

Speaking at the board's monthly luncheon at the Ramada Inn last week, the Canadian president of Crawley Films Ltd. has an Oscar at his Toronto home for the academy award-winning, *The Man Who Skied Down Everest*.

Another of his films, *Janis* is subject of a lawsuit between Crawley and Universal Films. "Luckily my lawyer is handling it, and he's a very smart man



BUDGE CRAWLEY
... kept 'em laughing

but come to think of it, he's the one who let me sign (the contract)," Crawley said, scratching his head.

Crawley described, or attempted to describe, the scenario for his next movie.

"Well, you see, it's about this Scottish goose, and it's primarily filmed in a wind tunnel near Metro 'oo. It's an action love story, actually, and we have a lot of money for it, but actually, we could use a little more."

The film, entitled *The Strange One*, explores the life of a Scottish environmentalist and a Cree Indian girl and how their lives are affected by the instincts of the goose and its mate.

"It's a lot cheaper to pay him (the goose) than a star like Michael Douglas," he says. "The goose is happy to do it for nothing."

With the competitive big-budget American films across the border, Canadian films must be good to compete "or we're dead," Crawley says.

A prerequisite is a good screen play, he says, and they're not that easy to find.

Whether we like it or not, five major American companies control the major feature film industry and even if you spend five million on the production of a feature film, they have to spend another \$15 to \$30 million promoting and distributing it, so it had "better be good," Crawley says.

McLean retires

Bruce McLean, chairman of the 1974 Canadian Open in Mississauga and a member of the Mississauga Golf and Country Club, has announced his retirement as chairman of Needham, Harper and Steers of Canada.

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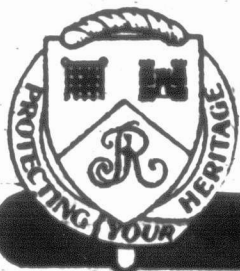
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