

# Of Interest to Women

## MILTON

The Easter week-end storm which brought damage and suffering to many parts of Ontario, left its mark on Milton and surrounding country.

Most serious damage was caused by high winds when it blew off about one third of the grandstand roof at Agricultural Park. Nearly forty feet of the roof on the southern section was lifted in two pieces and blown across the race track. One small section collapsed and was found lying on the seats. The seating arrangement did not appear to be damaged. A large tree was blown over opposite the residence of John London on Court Street. In other sections of the town trees were given their spring manicure as dead limbs were broken off.

Overcome by coal gas fumes, Miss Mary Ellen McCallum was found dead in her bed by neighbors at her Victoria Avenue home last Thursday morning.

Halters Male Choir organized in November, made an auspicious debut on Tuesday evening when they presented to an audience which packed St. Paul's United Church in Milton Mr. E. Stanley Roper, Organist and Composer at His Majesty's Chapel Royal and gave excellent support with choral numbers in a program which was a delight to lovers of good music. The attendance was well over 800 and every bit of available seating capacity was filled.—Canadian Champion.

### MIGHT HAVE BEEN THERE

"Madam," said the irate gentleman, "what do you mean by letting your child snatch off my wig?"  
"Sir, if it is just a wig, think nothing of it," replied the harassed mother. "I was afraid that the little devil had scalped you."

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Help! Homemakers From washing dishes three times a day to the annual spring housecleaning, the everlasting cleaning goes on. It must have been observation of women's endless attack on dirt that spurred manufacturers to make these perpetual motion cleaners. The vacuum cleaner is a real help during housecleaning. This machine cannot pick up sharp objects but does take the imbedded dirt, out of any fabric thoroughly. When you smooth the clothes chest and remove the accumulation of snow and window frames and doorways the attachment will do the work easily for you.

You may make mental notes of the above but the engagement of a decorator should be done immediately by letter or phone in order that your schedule will be in accordance with his time table. (Hope he will be able to keep this date.) It is also time to select your wallpaper and paint. Many people are reverting to the new versatile papers for walls. It is wise to make an early selection, and you can jot down the date to send the drapes and slipcovers to the cleaners so they will be back when your rooms are fresh.

With all this done you can clean out drawers and cupboards. This job takes time as you know and it takes courage for me to say this: be ruthless in disposing of the bits of "junk" that accumulate in any house.

### CARE AND OPERATION OF VACUUM CLEANERS

To prove that a few minutes a day spent in caring for equipment will pay good dividends.

#### Operation

(1) Place the cleaner on the rug and with handle in operating position adjust the nozzle so that there is a small space between it and the rug. When the motor is turned "ON" the rug will come to the nozzle; if an agitator type the rug should vibrate just in front of the cleaner when the motor is turned "ON."

Automatic agitating machines do not require this attention.

(2) Move the electric vacuum cleaner lengthwise on the rug, slowly. Each section should be gone over twice in order to remove the imbedded dirt.

(3) Carry the cord in your free hand and avoid tangling it with furniture or cords.

(4) Turn off the motor if there is an interruption—furniture to be moved, door bell to be answered, etc.

(5) Always turn the switch "OFF" before pulling out the plug at the outlet.

(6) Attachments should be used first.

#### Care of the Vacuum Cleaner

(1) Before using the electric vacuum cleaner pick up tacks, pins and sharp objects as well as live matches. These may cut or burn the belt of a motor-driven brush or they may puncture the dust bag.

(2) After each use empty the dust bag. Shake the dirt into a paper bag so that the dirt is not scattered again.

(3) Wind the cord loosely so that the fine wires inside are not damaged.

(4) Dust off the cleaner after each use.

#### (5) Clean off all attachments.

Special Care  
(1) The dust bag should be turned inside out and brushed off, every four months.

(2) Remove all hairs, threads, etc. carefully, once a week.

(3) Oil the cleaner according to the manufacturer's directions. Usually 5 or 4 drops of graphite oil every four months is all that is necessary. Over-lubrication is harmful, too.

(4) Worn or frayed belt, cord or brush of the agitator cover should be replaced.

#### TAKE A TIP

1. Try a small paintbrush for cleaning hard-to-get-at corners.

2. A paste of equal portions of salt and flour moistened with vinegar will lend lustre to the discolored brass or copper. Let the paste harden. Wash off the water.

3. Dust walls from the floor up. The fine threads of dust hang down. Best implement is a broom covered with flannel.

4. The window sills will be easier to keep clean if you wax them after washing.

5. Housecleaning is no time to wear yourself out cleaning silver by hand. Drop silverware into a pan where each piece can touch an aluminum plate and cover silver with water. To each quart add 1 tsp. salt and 1 tsp. of baking soda. Bring the solution to a boil and tarnish should disappear in five or ten minutes.

6. You may be storing several tin or iron utensils for the summer. If this be so, make them rust-proof by rubbing with unsalted fat.

7. Never dash salt into cast-aluminum pans. It causes a pitted utensil.

#### THE QUESTION BOX

Mrs. E. N. asks: How to protect woollens from moths.

Answer: Laundering kills moth eggs and larvae. Woollens not used regularly in summer, but not stored, should be aired frequently until treated to resist damage. To store, wrap freshly laundered things immediately in strong paper and seal tightly with gummed tape. Or store in a well made cedar chest. Several new fabrics are now labelled moth-resistant.

Mr. T. J. says: We have found that a rug-cushion adds comfort and increases the life of our rugs. May I suggest that housecleaning time is opportune for turning around the big rugs. We also have planned to paint the screen doors and window screens while the decorator is in the house.

Mrs. M. R. says: If you find rubbish gloves difficult to wear while cleaning it's a good idea to wear a pair of cotton ones underneath.

#### TIME TO LEAVE

"I don't like Monday, because that's the day I have to go back to work."

"I don't like Tuesday, because that's the day the restaurants won't give you anything but cod. I hate cod."

"I don't like Wednesday, because half the places in town close down on Wednesday. Whenever I have the time and the money and the inclination for a haircut, it turns out to be Wednesday afternoon."

"I don't like Friday, because the restaurants won't give you anything but finnan haddie. I hate finnan haddie."

"I don't like Saturday, because all the stores and theatres and beer parlors are jammed. Besides, the banks close down at noon on Saturday. Whenever I feel like going to the bank, it turns out to be Saturday afternoon."

"I don't like Sunday, because there are so many things you can't do on account of it being Sunday."

The only day in the week that I like is Thursday. I can do what I please on Thursday. But I'm always broke on Thursday, because I get paid on Friday.

Do you think I should go and live in Lower Slobbovia?

A babies' hotel in Melbourne, Australia, cares for babies up to six years.

#### SCOTLAND'S RIVERS TO BE HARNESSSED

Eighty million extra units of electricity will be provided each year by a new United Kingdom project which involves harnessing the waters of two rivers in Scotland. Details of this scheme which will enlist the aid of the natural forces in overcoming Britain's temporary fuel difficulties have just been announced by the North Scotland Hydro-electric Board. It is the most recent addition to a series of big constructional projects being undertaken by the Board to ensure the fullest possible use of Highland waters in the generation of electric power. The total annual output from the entire scheme will reach 500 million units.

Nothing is impossible. It's just that some things are a little more difficult than others.

## Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Acton Free Press by GWENDOLINE F. CLARKE

There is an oldish lady in town whose birthday I try to remember. It falls on April 10. Before that day came around this year I was hunting a card for her and suddenly remembered that last year, instead of sending a card, I took her a bunch of daffodils and narcissi, which I had picked from our own garden. This year—what a difference! With the first green shoots only now just about a couple of inches above the ground it will be some time yet before we can pick a bouquet of spring flowers. But the flowers that bloom in the spring, trunks—have nothing to do with the case—it is clearly a matter for the weatherman.

After all, it is not only the flowers that are backward. It was usually April 12 before we heard the warbling vireos singing and according to the old saying, the frogs must be shut up three times before we can really look for spring. But it will get here—you'll see—that is if we wait long enough. The robins think so anyway. There are two of them making a nest somewhere near the house—I am not quite sure where yet—but every time I look out, I see one and sometimes two cheery little red-breasts hopping around or calling back and forth to each other from adjacent tree tops. Yes, the birds and the beasts are surely getting their own variety of spring fever.

One day last week as I set out for town three blue herons flew up from the creek near the road. I watched them as they winged their way over towards the bush and then, to my surprise, one of them landed while the other two half circled and flew on towards town. I wondered why they parted company. Could it be that one of them was a hen-bird and was being escorted to a place of safety by her two gentlemen-friends—or was the one just a young bird and not considered old enough for distant hunting grounds. Again it may have been she had a few chores to do at home and went back to get on with them. One thing I did discover—watching herons isn't exactly a good policy when one is driving and the road is full of bumps and pot-holes. I dropped into one hole so hard it was a wonder the springs survived.

And here is yet another sign of spring. It is the time of annual meetings. Last week was our Women's Institute Annual. Oh blessed event—how we look forward to it! Sounds rather as if I were referring to an expected birth in the neighborhood, doesn't it? Maybe I am not too far out at that—certainly both can sometimes be described as painful, long drawn out affairs. However, I am now on it is our annual meeting to which I am referring. For some unknown reason I was put in as chairman for the election of officers. "Good grief," I thought to myself, "how am I going to make these women say 'Yes.' You know how it is—some-one says 'Oh no, I couldn't possibly do that!' and then that negative attitude spreads like a prairie fire, and, like a prairie fire there is nothing left in its wake. However, on this occasion, except for a few bad moments at the beginning we got along all right. One officer told me afterwards that I just railroaded the ladies into their jobs. Which of course was just a lot of nonsense—they were just good sports, that was all. After all, you can't railroad a woman into doing anything if she isn't so inclined. Of course the women eventually turned the tables on me so that I ended up with a condescension myself—which the W. I. may yet live to regret. What do you think, Mrs. H?

At this point I paused to go down for the mail and to look for more signs of spring. I found our daily paper, a magazine and a receipted account. That was all—no fan mail this morning, much to my disappointment. I like my fan mail. By the way, "M. J. H." thanks very much for the papers. It was nice of you to send them and I was also glad to get a letter from "Mrs. N. P." you may be interested to know that I received a letter from a friend of mine last week whom I have always encouraged to write and who now is meeting with some success. In fact one magazine to which she sent a short story suggested that she try her hand at writing a book. So that is just what she is doing.

"W. G." please don't think I have forgotten to answer your letter or that it in any way offended me. The fact is it contained so much food for thought I wanted to take my time in answering it and I still look forward to that pleasure.

By the way I didn't find any more signs of spring on my way for the mail, in fact when I got back to the house my first thought was to put another chunk of wood on the furnace.

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## PROCLAMATION

### Daylight Saving Time in Acton

Whereas a number of municipalities in the district about Acton are adopting a uniform time for the adoption of daylight saving time, and in order to avoid confusion in travel and business, the Council of the Corporation of Acton has passed a by-law establishing the period for the observance of daylight saving time in Acton from

SUNDAY, APRIL 27th, 1947  
AT 2 A.M. TO

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, 1947  
AT 2 A.M.

Citizens are requested to comply with this by-law and adopt this time from the dates specified.

F. J. McCUTCHEON, Reeve

Dated at Acton, April 7th, 1947.