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MILTON

On June 3rd a most enjoyable day was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cantelon, Hornby when the descendants of the late Jeremiah Hustler held their 10th annual reunion with Mr. Milton Bird as president.

The Rev. Ross H. Hare, Minister of the Millgrove and Rock Chapel charge of the United Church for the last six years and a former chairman of the Halton Presbytery has accepted a call to the Fenwick charge. Rev. W. A. Dempsey, B.A. of Fenwick, is taking over Ministerial duties at Millgrove and Rock Chapel.

Among the nurses graduating from Toronto Western Hospital last week were Miss Audrey D. Hall. She is the daughter of Mr. Harold Hall and the late Mrs. Hall. Miss Audrey Hall grew up in the Hornby district and went to high school in Milton, Canadian Champion.

During this year Canadians will provide the federal government a revenue of \$385 million through Sales Tax payments, almost twice the total collected by this tax in the last year of the war.

Chronicles of .. Ginger Farm

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GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE

Summer came to Ontario last week and it stayed for nearly four whole days. So what? Well we took off the storm windows and I spent one whole precious day painting screens and getting them on. We drew down blinds against the sun, we opened windows to windward and we brought the electric fan out of hiding. Then as we were expecting three of our folks home for the weekend I went shopping with hot weather items in mind: fruits, jellies and drinks, and the makings for various salads.

Then with the capriciousness for which our Canadian climate must surely be getting famous the weather changed again. We needed soups more than salads, hot drinks rather than the cool variety. We shut up the doors and some of the windows and in the evening we had a fire in the kitchen and a bit in the furnace too.

However, maybe the cooler weather was responsible for my having a job done for me which perhaps wouldn't even have been started had the weather remained hot. Anyway, four energetic young people got busy with paint and rags and washed all the muresees off the ceiling of the room that is next in line for being attacked with roller and water paint. So now, to my way of thinking the worst part of the job is done.

Sunday afternoon we had a very interesting and enjoyable experience. We had heard that up country, not so very many miles from here, there were beavers at work and we thought a real beaver dam might be worth investigating. The Exhibition variety being the only ones most of us had seen.

We drove along a very narrow country road so narrow that two cars could pass only by having their two off side wheels off the road - and was I glad it was Bob who was driving! To get to the dam we had to walk about half a mile through the bush until we came to the stream. In one place we didn't need anyone to tell us beavers had been at work. Several tall silver birch, about 6 inches in diameter, lay across the stream, and had been cut down by these marvellous little animals. Quite evidently a new dam was in the making. Knowing there was more than that to see we continued on our way, pushing through underbrush, stumbling over the rocks and stones, and trying to evade the marshy bogholes that were everywhere. Then in a bit of a clearing there was the dam! We had heard it was about fifty or sixty feet wide but it looked to us to be nearer a hundred and it was holding back a tremendous amount of water. In fact, although we had not seen it, others whom we met told us that quite a stretch of road, further up the line, was flooded on account of the water the dam was holding back.

I suppose, like other folk, I had heard of beaver dams and knew pretty well what to expect but actually seeing it is something else again. As far as we could figure it out each dam is started by the beavers felling trees in such a way they fall horizontally across the creek or stream, a few feet apart. Then they build their dam by filling in between the trees with brush, small trees, stones, grasses and weeds, bound together with mud. Naturally as the body of water increases they build higher and higher. The mud, so I am told, is put on with their feet and smoothed down with the tail, which closely resembles a trowel. The beavers live on roots, bark and water plants and they always congregate in families. Their work is done at night, which accounts for the fact that we did not see any beavers, although with this remarkable evidence confronting us we certainly have little doubt of their existence. When we were finally ready to leave the dam we found ourselves face to face with several head of young cattle coming down for a drink, so we decided to follow the cowpath as a way out of the bush - and it was a far quicker and easier way to travel than the way we had chosen to come in. Back in the car we thought we would go on up the road if it wasn't too badly flooded. We watched other cars come through without any mishap so Bob figured the June Bug could take it too. And she did - with the water up to her axles.

Well, having seen the dam, I, for one, wanted more particulars so this morning I began making inquiries. I learnt that in August, 1949 the local Sportsmen's Club managed to procure two beavers, one of each sex, which they placed in the bush. The Department of Lands and Forests also contributed two and

the four beavers were then left to their own devices. Since they propagate fairly rapidly, and always live in families, it is surely safe to assume that their number has doubled.

With soil and water conservation such a vital problem it would seem that the industrious beaver could be used more often than it is. Perhaps this project could be duplicated in other countries.

GLASS BACKBOARDS

Basketball fans will no longer have to avoid seats behind the baskets with the introduction of new glass backboards, according to The Financial Post. The "RK" tempered glass backboard is heat strengthened and a half-inch thick, with extruded aluminum frame and an enamelled shooting rectangle.

GEORGETOWN

Mrs. Keith Duncan has graduated from the Physical Therapy course at the University of Toronto and received her diploma at graduation exercise on Monday.

Marie Agnes Conn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Conn of Georgetown died suddenly in Hamilton on Wednesday, May 31st, in her 30th year.

Elmer C. Thompson, who for 25 years has held the appointment of clerk of the 3rd Division Court for Halton County announced his retirement from this office this week. He will be succeeded by Wallace Thompson who has officially taken up his new duties - Herald.

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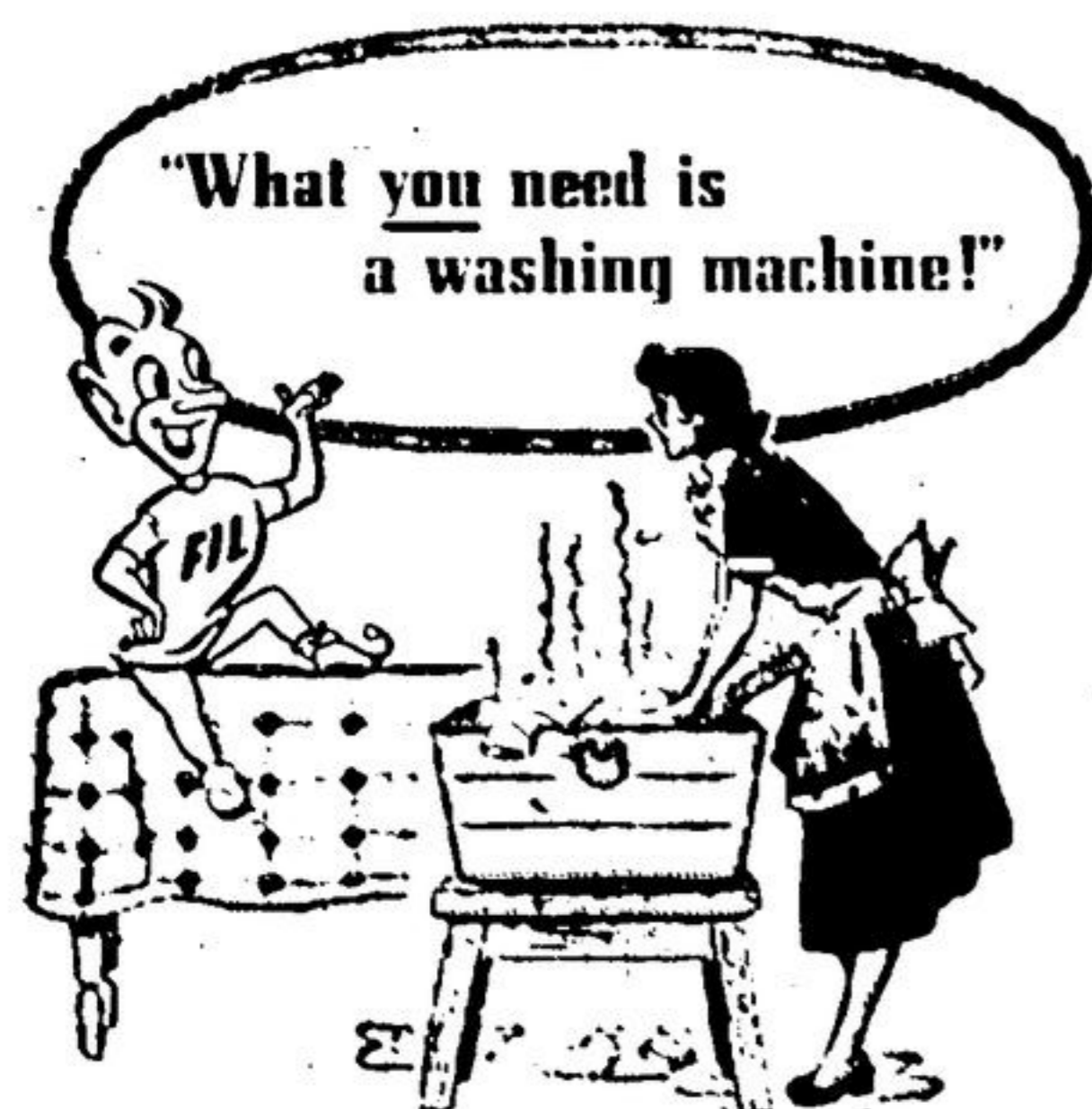
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