

Nelson Handy retired from the Meadowglen Mushroom Company recently, having worked there almost continuously since 1941. Management and staff at the company gathered last week for a farewell party, and to present Mr. Handy with several tokens of their esteem. Mr.

Handy and his wife, Freida received two lounge chair, a gas barbecue.

two patio chairs and a patio table. Shown seated to Mr. Handy's left are Ernie and Mac Skrow, owners of Meadowgien Mushrooms since 1961. Mr. Handy has worked at Meadowglen since 1941, except for a stint overseas for three years during the Second World War.

(Herald photo)

Worried and frustrated, Miltonians await word of missing daughter, 14

By MAGGIE HANNAH Herald Special

Sadness, worry and frustration drag at the daily lives of a Milton family whose 14-yearold daughter disappeared in Mexico Feb. 4.

In a choked voice Conrad Sweet sald last week there has been no word of his daughter since she disappeared and authorities seem totally indifferent to their distress.

When Catherine Sweet first disappeared from a golf club near San Miguel De Allend, an artistic centre near Mexico City, her parents went to both the local police and the local secret police to help trace ber. Language problems hampered their attempt to get help.

Finally, they hired Napoleon Negretti, a local lawyer with an American wife who spoke both Spanish and English. He advised them to see the state attorney when efforts at the local level proved fruitless. The state authorities promised to question the local police but nothing was done.

FURIOUS When the local police officlais learned the Sweets went over their heads to the state authorities they were furious and dropped even a pretense of

working on the case.

The Sweet family went to Mexico to give Mrs. Sweet the benefit of swimming in hot mineral springs near San Miguel. She had suffered severe injuries in two car accidents and it was thought the mineral waters might help, Mr. Sweet said. They had planned to stay until the end of March. The last two months were spent searching for their daughter rather than in healing Mrs. Sweet.

The couple had joined a local golf club so Catherine and her brother David, 12, could enjoy swimming and tennis.

Catherine became acquainted with Roberto Patland, 17, and his brother Kaspar, 21, at the club. Both the young men stopped coming to the club when the Sweets began searching for Catherine. But their family doesn't seem to be worried about looking for them, Mr. Sweet said.

Nor is there any concern at the apparent disappearance of Jose Delores, 32, the boys' uncle.

The Patland family, who appear wealthy, say he lives in the United States and works for Ford in Missouri.

MARRY AMERICAN The FBI checked with Ford Motors, but failed to find Mr. Delores was one of their employees. But Mr. Sweet said the man may work for a Ford dealership and thus be unknown to the parent company.

Mr. Sweet said It is commonly said in Mexico that Mexican men hope to marry American or Canadian women so they can leave the country with their wives. While Catherine may seem terribly young by Canadian standards, the Mexican law allows girls to marry at 12 so long as they have been residents of the country for six months.

Mr. Sweet is at a loss to guess whether Catherine may be held hostage to become part of such a marriage or whether

Snow Or Ice Scientists estimate that 99 percent of all the fresh water on the surface of

the earth is in solid form,

as snow or ice.

"The day she disappeared all she had were the clothes on her back," Mr. Sweet said. "She didn't have her purse. her papers to say how long she'd been in the country, not

something else has happened even her handkerchief. We just don't know what happened." The Sweets, who own a trailer park near Milton, have paid their Mexican lawyer

They were willing to watch for Catherine in case she turned up after the family returned to

They also left an airline \$1,000, another \$200 went to a ticket with Mr. Negretti to be police chief and \$60 to a couple used to send Catherine home if of boys their lawyer found. she is found.

The family understands the Canadian Embassy will present the Mexican justice department with a diplomatic note later this week outlining the case and demanding a solution to the girl's disappear-

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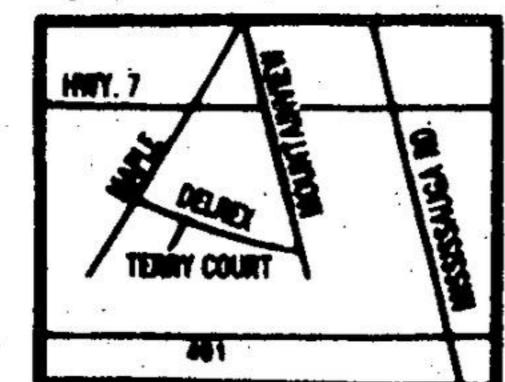
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Green-

by Elli Dryden

Last week's column was about good "pests"; this week, equal time should be given to the bad ones, and since there is no getting away from outdoor gardening, because most people put their indoor plants outside, here's the creepy crawlers.

Grasshoppers will take a bite out of one plant then move onto another. They cause unsightly folinge, but minimal damage unless in large groups, so get on the green glove and pick them off by hand and destroy.

Mexican Bean Beetles are easy to detect because they share the ladybug's species and shape, but are bright yellow with black dots. Attacks bean family; pick off and kill. Mole Crickets are different in shape from its garden

cricket brother with special front legs for burrowing in moist soils while attacking root crops.

Slugs: these fellows feed on roots, leaves and stems (I think that about covers the plant) but at night, therefore, instead of stalking with a flashlight, check in the early a.m. for trails of slime and treat accordingly.

Squash Bug: here's another pick-me-off-of. Resembles the stinkbug and attacks the squash family and patio vegetables.

Stem Borer: Now I'm not going to ask if you go out to look for insect droppings or piles of sawdust-like material, but if you have noticed strange little gatherings, this is it: the larval stages of moths and butterflies usually boring away inside a woody plant.

Thrip: every good gardener will have in their gardening equipment a magnifying glass for detecting microscopic insects, which this one is. When you see damage but no visual cause here's why. Flowers are more affected than plants to the point of being deformed or not opening. Shake petals to see Thrip jump.

Tomato Hornworms: he's the large green caterpillar with yellow "Vs" on his side and sharp pointed horns on the posterior. Has a voracious appellte and one alone can defoliate a tomato plant in a few days.

Ant: you know the song about the "ant can't", well tiny as it may be, they are movers, shakers and destroyers, loosening the soil around roots.

White Grub: attacks the roots of anything growing, yet how many of us enjoy shrimp.

Cutworm: eats roots and tubers, gnaws the collar of plants to the point of collapsing the plant.

Wireworm: tunnels into underground parts of plants. Sow Bug: he's a midnight raider, troublesome in greenhouses, cold frames or in warm, damp weather. Devours and destroys the whole plant.

Millipede: feeds on roots and seeds. There you have but a few outdoor problems. Indoor bugs and diseases will be discussed in the fall and looking at these topics in picture form and not having lunch yet, I think this an appropriate time to end, until next week, bon appetit,

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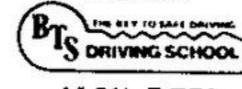
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