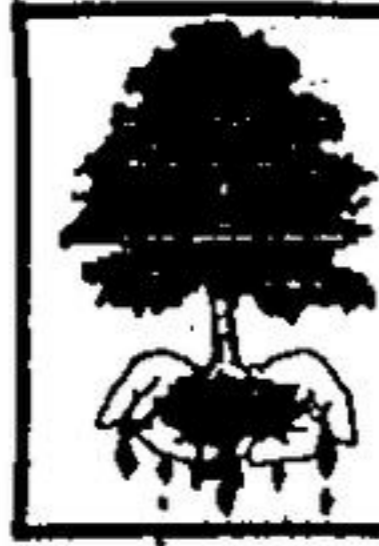


Humans are not separate from ecosystem

By BARBARA HALSALL
Herald Special
Humans Part of Ecosystem

The June 22nd issue of the Toronto Star quoted an interesting study that was originally quoted in the Medical Post. At the Centre for Agricultural Medicine, University of Saskatchewan, 130 patients with Parkinson's disease were studied. Those who had worked on farms from age 16 to 35 were found to have 2.5 times the risk of non-farmers. Epidemiologist, Karen Semchuk, said, patients were exposed to agricultural herbicides and pesticides when the chemicals were first introduced and little was known about potential health



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effects. Somehow human beings have set themselves up as separate from nature. Nothing could be further from the truth. Even if you read the cautions on a container of pesticide or herbicide you will see this is dangerous to all living things, and what about

the residue? Many home owners are happily spraying their lawns or hiring a company to do it to create the "perfect" manicured yard. Farmers are still using pesticides, but how can they control pests without chemicals? An article in the June/July issue of

Country Side Magazine gives an answer to the fly problem around barns and homes.

ONE ALTERNATIVE
Dr. Gordon Surgeoner at the Environmental Biology Department, University of Guelph, tested Muscovy ducks as fly control.

The first tests conducted in a small enclosed space showed that ducks even with a full ration of grain were able to eliminate 90 per cent of the flies in 36 minutes. Chemical methods took 15 hours for the same result. Then the real test came in dairy and hog barns. In an average of 7 to 14 days the ducks had achieved 90 per cent control which was better than any of the insecticides tested.

A saving of \$200 was reported by farmers not having to buy insecticides. They also had a product to sell or eat at the end of the fly season. One additional benefit not mentioned in the Country Side article would be that meat or milk produced without pesticides could be sold as such and probably fetch a higher price. Those already affected by chemical sensitivities are only too willing to pay extra for a chemical free product.

The Muscovy ducks are native to South and Central America where they are domesticated and used around homes for cricket and cockroach control.

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Halton lags far behind Peel on commitment to environment

By BEN DUMMETT
the Herald

Since industrial and commercial material comprises more than 50 per cent of the wastestream, Halton Region should be doing more to divert this type of material from ending up in a landfill, says environmentalist, Diane van de Valk.

The 50 per cent figure should be sufficient proof the Region needs to do more in the area of commercial and industrial waste diversion, she explained.

As proof Halton is lacking in this area, Ms. van de Valk points to the comparative success of Peel Region's industrial commercial waste management program.

Peel Region's 24 industrial and commercial waste management staff members; its establishment of a waste exchange program; the fact it carries out formalized waste audits, and prepares written documentation outlining markets for industrial and commercial recyclable material, all point to Peel's commitment to reducing a major component of the total wastestream, said Ms. van de Valk.

Comparatively, Halton has done little, if anything, to encourage industry and the commercial sector to develop recycl-

ing programs. Contacted Friday, Halton Region Manager of Waste Reduction Albert Shamesh acknowledged there is no comparison between the work Peel and Halton do to facilitate waste reduction in the commercial and industrial sectors.

"Peel has an excellent industrial and commercial waste reduction program," while Halton has focused on reducing the residential-generated wastestream at the expense of the industrial and commercial component, said Mr. Shamesh.

Mr. Shamesh said Halton has five staff members including himself devoted to reducing residential, commercial and industrial waste.

He points out Peel, unlike Halton, doesn't operate a blue box program. It should be noted however, the various municipalities in Peel operate individual blue box programs.

Mr. Shamesh said in 1987 the Region approached industry to conduct waste audits. A waste audit is an inventory of the waste a company generates to determine what material can be recycled instead of included in its wastestream. As part of the process, said Mr. Shamesh, the Region requested local

businesses voluntarily divert cardboard from its waste pile. However, the request was virtually ignored, said Mr. Shamesh.

In response, the Region banned the disposal of cardboard by industry in landfills. The Region also bans drywall from landfills.

Mr. Shamesh said Halton may conduct waste audits in the future because the area industrial and commercial sectors are more environmentally conscious today.

Like Peel, Mr. Shamesh points out, Halton keeps records of recycling markets for companies who want to sell recyclable material. Currently however, the data isn't published in book form and distributed among industrial and commercial sectors, he said.

The data will be printed and distributed in the near future, added Mr. Shamesh.

It's not enough to have a database on recyclable markets, said Ms. van de Valk.

The number of staff members Peel employs indicates its not enough to give industry the information. The municipality has "to hold industry's hand" to ensure it remains committed to selling its recyclable material.

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Halton Hills, (Georgetown), Ontario

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