

A Wise Precaution

Milton's elm trees will be sprayed this year in an effort to halt the spread of Dutch Elm disease in this town. The spraying will undoubtedly take place in the spring and while it won't save trees already infected, it will minimize the danger of its spreading.

The United States has lost 40,000,000 American elms during the past 24 years as a result of the Dutch Elm infestation.

A survey of the elms in the region served by the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority showed that the incidence of disease was as high as 8 per cent. and as low as .5 per cent. in some municipalities.

Milton has more than 300 elms that will be sprayed this year for \$875. The spraying

is recommended on an annual basis thus allowing a build up of the spray as a stronger protection to the trees.

Cost of removing half a dozen elms could greatly exceed that which the town plans to spend on spraying, and if Milton is to lose its elm trees many streets and areas would be deprived of the shade the stately elm offers.

During 1954-57 Hamilton has lost 275 elms through infection. Signs of the infection and indeed infected trees have been spotted in Milton and thus the spraying program is not coming any too soon.

It is hoped residents will assist in making the program successful by co-operating with the tree sprayers when they arrive.

New Middle Class

Considered solely on the basis of annual income, the Canadian middle class is changing. Evidence of this comes from a government publication entitled "Taxation Statistics 1958," issued by the taxation division of the Department of National Revenue.

One of the tables in this useful book give a distribution of taxpayers by income classes for the taxation years 1941 to 1956. It shows that in the earlier year the largest group of taxpayers was composed of those earning from \$1,000 to \$2,000 a year. There were 368,862 in that group out of a total of 871,484 taxpayers. In 1956, the number of taxpayers was more than four times as large, at 3,908,176. The largest taxpaying group had shifted to those earning from \$3,000 to \$4,000 a year. They numbered 1,015,449, while the group below them, earning from \$2,000 to \$3,000 had 993,830 members.

In 1956, as in 1941, it was the middle and lower classes of taxpayers upon whom the receiver-general of Canada depended for

the bulk of his support. In spite of the steeply graduated income tax, which takes the biggest bite from the largest incomes, more than half of the income tax payable in 1956 came from incomes of \$6,000 or less a year. About one sixth of the grand total came from the class earning from \$3,000 to \$4,000.

It is possible, even probable, that these taxpayers do not realize their importance in the country's economy. Except for those who are self-employed, they never handle the millions that they contribute to Ottawa. They may not even realize that their earnings are actually as large as the figures show, for it is their take-home pay that matters in their personal financing. Their income taxes are almost as invisible to them as the sales and excise taxes that are hidden in the costs of everything they buy. They feel the cost of living, but they are not encouraged to relate it to governmental extravagance.—The Printed Word.

The Recovering Miracle

Longfellow once wrote "If Spring came but once in a century, instead of once a year, or burst forth with the sound of an earthquake, and not in silence, what wonder and expectation there would be in all hearts to behold the miraculous, and the perpetual exercise of God's power seems less wonderful that its withdrawal would be."

Saturday is March 21 indicating the first official approach of that wonderful Spring season. It might be difficult to tell from the weather of tomorrow and the next week just whether it will arrive or not, but officially it will.

As Longfellow so aptly indicated we grow accustomed to the changing seasons

and often forget the miracles of their coming. But Spring is a long looked for season as it heralds the return of warm sunshine and bright days outside after the long winter.

The trees will begin to show buds, the grass will adopt a brighter green, the flowers will begin to push up, the fields will be prepared for their cycle of growth, children will start playing alleys and jacks, roller skates will make their appearances, sidewalks will be swept of their winter sand and the signs of the approaching season will be welcomed indeed.

We're looking forward to the spring weather and we're glad it's officially here. We imagine you are too.

Wise Words

Some of the strongest words out of Ottawa have been aimed at lobbying. Speaking of the Avro Arrow, Prime Minister Diefenbaker said "Lobbyists will have no effect on the decision this government makes."

To us this direct attack on lobbying is not only timely but intelligent. While we are not well versed in American politics, the lobbying practices there have been one of the things we would hate to see on the Canadian political scene.

We aren't naive enough to believe they don't exist here. Every national group that makes its way to Ottawa or Toronto government houses, and a lot of groups smaller than national scale have reasons to submit suggestions to the country's legislators.

We can imagine that constructive ideas, well presented, will receive the consideration they deserve while those with "axe-to-grind" will be similarly treated. No matter what government is in power, it is charged with legislating for the common good.

Don't get us wrong. We think individuals should still write to their member of parliament. After all he is a representative, but the lobbying that we oppose is that which is or-

ganized to reap a benefit for a specific group that might jeopardize the interests of a great many others.

Western farmers recently "marched" by train on Ottawa. Their reception in seeking deficiency payments, was not exactly successful. There weren't a lot of waxy words in arriving at the conclusion either.

It is encouraging to know that the success of any mission to Ottawa will not be measured by the number of dollars that can be expended on a well organized lobby.

We don't want any laws against lobbying but we are glad that lobbying isn't the sole answer to obtaining government favor.

Heap of Praise

Words of appreciation are seldom directed to those deserving these days but we think there should be a "heap" of praise directed to Foreman Bruce McKerr and his town crew for the condition in which Milton streets have been maintained this year. There have been a lot of early mornings and long days to accomplish it and none knows better than Bruce that this has been a severe winter.



—Photo by Esther Taylor

"Before the Buds Break"

Jim's JOTTINGS

BY JIM DILLS

• THERE ARE big winds and there are big winds, but that one on Sunday and Monday should take some kind of a record for the area. Garbage cans danced merry tunes, windows were blown in, hydro interruptions were prevalent, and driving was hazardous. March with all its fickleness has given us some frisky days interspersed with the very welcome sunshine.

• THINKING OF the problem hydro interruptions can create gives emphasis to our growing dependence on this medium. Houses can get pretty chilly when the automatic heating system fails to act without the power, and dinners can be pretty grim in their coldness without the application of the necessary heat. Lucky the house that still has some auxiliary heating.

Even our fireplace is some help in times of power failure.

• EVER TRY melting butter with a candle? It's not too bad a job either. Tried it on Sunday when something or other required melted butter and the hydro to do the job had been interrupted by high winds.

• IN TORONTO on Friday for some camera repairs the family tried another "meal out". As is normal with children, silence is not always evident and a lady alone at a neighboring table kept eyeing us with what looked like a little less than approval. Menl over and we prepared to depart, the youngest bounced down from his chair, darted over and picked up some matches the lone diner had dropped. He won a warm smile and a pleasant greet-

ing that I hadn't thought possible. Just goes to show appearances shouldn't be the only basis for conclusions.

• IF ANYTHING bugs me in the city driving it's those pedestrian walks. While watching for stop lights on corner posts, intermingled with neon store-front displays, you're supposed to watch the middle of the street for pedestrian crossing signs and see the curbs to determine if any pedestrians are at large. It's too much for me.

• HUNDREDS OF birdhouses will be set up in Trafalgar parks I learned recently. Parks Superintendent William Bateman obtained approval for the Scouts and Cubs in that area to make birdhouses and a Toronto firm donated the kits, 500 of them. The boys got the kits and the finished birdhouses will be returned for use in the parks. To my way of thinking that's a wonderful idea. Haven't heard of anyone making birdhouses for a long time.

• SPEAKING OF birds too, hundreds of pheasants in Essex County will be alive this spring thanks to 200 Boy Scouts of the county who marched through the ice covered fields and woods scattering food for the birds.

• GETTING AROUND to thinking of spring and it might be a good idea for a tree planting time or even a revival of the old Arbor day custom. The town has a lot of new streets where trees planted now would in later years add to the dignity, the appearance and the shadiness of the homes. Maybe a community wide observance of Arbor Day is possible with every citizen, or every family planting a tree. It could be a wonderful Chamber of Commerce project with the attendant publicity for the town. In most towns Arbor Day went out years ago.

• THE ONE thing that hurts more than paying income tax is not having to pay an income tax.

• THE MEASURE of a man
Not
'How did he die?'
But
'How did he live?'
Not
'What did he gain?'
But
'What did he give?'
'These are the units
To measure the worth
Of a man, as a man,
Regardless of birth!'
Not
'What was his station?'
But
'Had he a heart?'
And
'How did he play
His God-given part?'
Was he ever ready
With a word of good cheer
To bring back a smile,
To banish a tear?'
Not
'What was his church?'
Nor
'What was his creed?'
But
'Had he befriended
Those really in need?'
Not
'What did the sketch
In the newspaper say?'
But
'How many were sorry
When he passed away?'

THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

HIGHWAY GOSPEL CHURCH

Affiliated with the
PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA

Corner Wakefield and 25 Highway
Pastor: Rev. M. Christensen
Temporary services in I.O.O.F. Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 22nd, 1959
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School classes for all ages.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Communion.
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service, Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer service, Friday, 8 p.m.—Young People's. Mid-week services at parsonage, 183 Heslop Rd.
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EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Commercial St., Milton
Pastor: Rev. L. Campbell,
P.O. Box 216, Milton, TR 8-2290

SUNDAY, MARCH 22nd, 1959
9:30 a.m.—Bible School. Classes for all.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Family Worship.
6:30 p.m.—The Lord's Supper.
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
8:30 p.m.—Billy Graham at "Fire-side" in the 8th of a series of 14 films prepared for TV viewing.
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.—Cottage prayer meeting.
Wednesday — "Hour of Power", prayer, praise, Bible study, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday—W.M.S., 8 p.m.
Friday—Christian Youth Training Union, 8 p.m.
Saturday, March 21 — Youth inspiration, 7:30 p.m.
In the "Heart of Halton" with "Halton in our Heart".

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

Minister
Rev. J. Lorne Graham, B.A., B.D.
Organist, Mrs. Harold Magee, A.T.C.M.

PALM SUNDAY SERVICES
Twenty-second March
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. & 11 a.m.
9:45 a.m.—Junior, Intermediate and Senior Departments.
11:00 a.m.—Nursery, Beginners, Kindergarten and Primary Departments.
There is a place for every child in St. Paul's Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Confirmation Service. Sermon subject, "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?"
7:00 p.m.—A devotion on the Seven Words from the Cross. A service of devotion, not a preaching service.

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. E. ORSBORN, Minister
Mrs. R. Wright, A.T.C.M.
Organist and Choir Master
"Come thou with us and we will do thee good." Numbers 10: 29.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22nd, 1959
PALM SUNDAY
10:00 a.m.—Senior School
11:00 a.m.—Nursery Department, Junior School, Morning Worship, theme "The King's Farewell."
N.B. Holy Communion on Good Friday at 11 a.m.

BOSTON AND OMAGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

Minister: Rev. B. A. Nevi, B.A.
Telephone: TRiangle 8-9226

SUNDAY, MARCH 22nd, 1959
10:00 a.m.—Omagh: Worship Service.
10:15 a.m.—Boston: Sunday School.
11:30 a.m.—Boston: Worship Service.

GRACE CHURCH ANGLICAN

Milton, Ontario
Rector: Rev. D. A. Powell

SUNDAY, MARCH 22nd, 1959
PALM SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.—Holy Communion, 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class.
11:00 a.m.—Mattins. Procession, Blessing and Distribution of Palms.
7:00 p.m.—Evensong.
Holy Wednesday, March 25 — 7:30 p.m., Lenten Service.
Maundy Thursday, March 26 — 7:30 p.m., Lenten Service.
Good Friday — 10:30 a.m., Ante-Communion and Address.

LOWVILLE - NASSAGAWEYA (ANGLICAN)

Rector: Rev. R. P. E. Jeffares, Campbellville ULster 4-2577

St. George's Church, Lowville
SUNDAY, MARCH 22nd, 1959
PALM SUNDAY
11:00 a.m.—Mattins and Church School. "Blessing and Distribution of Palm Crosses."
Holy Week Services at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 25 — Lenten Mid-week Service.
Maundy Thursday, March 26 — Holy Communion.
Good Friday, March 27 — Evensong and Easter preparation.
St. John's Church, Nassagaweya
SUNDAY, MARCH 22nd, 1959
PALM SUNDAY
2:00 p.m.—Evensong and Church School. "Blessing and Distribution of Palm Crosses."
Good Friday, March 27 — 11 a.m., Ante-Communion.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of the Canadian Champion, March 18, 1909.

The big six-day-go-as-you-please team race in New York ended at 10 o'clock Saturday. The French pair, Cibot and Orphee, won, making 732.6 miles and sharing \$1,500. The Indian pair, Davis and Metkus, made 719.5 miles and got second money, \$1,000. Bill Davis lives at Lowville on the old Cleaver farm, which he leased from its owner, Whitfield Armstrong, a few months ago. He is the man who first trained and brought out Tom Longboat and he is about to take charge of the Onondaga again. He says Longboat is one of the most contrary of men and has become more unmanageable of late than ever. It would be much better for him if he would go to Lowville for his training, but he insists on staying in Toronto. Davis however hopes that he and Tom Flanagan will get him into good shape and says he can beat Shrub or anyone else when fit.

"The Heart of a Stranger", a vivid story of New York street urchins, is one of the latest publications of Miss Ruddy, daughter of John Ruddy of Milton. She has spent a number of years as a worker among the immigrant children, principally with the Italians, and no one understands them better than she. Her pen name is "Christian McLeod." The Christian City says of the book, "The children of the street who crowd its doors are faithfully and vividly portrayed and the reader is drawn close to these little people in sympathy with the comedies and tragedies of their impoverished but eager young lives. Even the indifferent must be touched by such a story."

Mrs. E. Lambert and daughter Velma of Guelph have returned home after spending a month with Mr. and Mrs. J. Johnson and her aunt, Mrs. Lindley.

Persian soldiers are devastating villages along the Russian frontier and butchering the inhabitants.

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of the Canadian Champion, March 16, 1939.

Although we are now well into the fateful month of March, so far no serious war scares have developed. It is now beginning to look as though we may still get through the year without them. Britain's extensive and expensive rearmament program, coupled with the French and American stiffening resistance, seems to have made the dictators pause. At any rate, much to the surprise of the general public, the Spanish war is being wound up without world disturbance, if not world satisfaction.

According to the provisions of the Criminal Code, all owners of revolvers and pistols are required to register them with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Ottawa, before the first day of July, 1939, and every five years thereafter.

In reply to a question from Gordon Graydon, M.P. for Peel, the Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Transport, stated in the House of Commons recently that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation station CBL was constructed at a cost of \$291,370.14; it comprises 51½ acres and the land was purchased for \$6,433.60.

No more royal commissions for Ontario, says Mr. Heppburn. When we think of the cost of these bodies and what, if anything, they have accomplished, we are inclined to agree.

Streets in town are in a very slippery condition for motoring. The best plan is to go slow owing to deep ice ruts.

The Y.P.S. of St. David's church, Campbellville, met in the S.S. on Monday evening. After the devotional exercises were over, there was a discussion whether women should have as high an education as men.

Mr. John Hilson of Milton Heights had his car considerably damaged on Tuesday morning near Guelph Junction, when it was struck by the gas electric motor car at a crossing.

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