



**DON'T CAN IT — BAG IT!** Residents in the north end of Milton have been participating in an experiment with plastic garbage bags for the past two weeks, in an attempt to see if householders prefer the neat green bags to the weighty, smelly garbage cans they've been using; and to see if the use of bags will cut down on the town garbage crew's pick-up time. The workmen are shown loading the Sani-Van with some of the bags collected in the Kingsleigh Court area. Town council has decided to sell the bags to residents at cost.

**Patricia Duignan's "Big Puddle"**

**Delivers Speech about "Mill Pond" for Centennial Committee**

Transformation of the mill pond into a public parksite is Milton's 1967 Canadian Centennial project, and at last week's dinner meeting of the Centennial Committee the members heard a fine story about this pond — as seen through the eyes of a young girl.

The "Mill Pond" was the title of an oratorical contest entry written and delivered recently by Patricia Duignan of Grade 4, Holy Rosary School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Duignan of Margaret St., and their home looks out over the beautiful pond that is so closely connected with Milton's early days.

Centennial Committee chairman Norm Pearce heard Patricia deliver her speech at the recent competition, and invited her to give it again at the dinner meeting. (It won a second prize in both the Holy Rosary and the Legion-sponsored contests in February).

Her speech is reprinted here:

**THE MILL POND**  
By Patricia Duignan

Grown-ups say that all children love to play in mud puddles so I think I'm very lucky. I have a great big mud puddle in my back yard — the mill pond.

Sometimes after a storm the pond does look like a big mud puddle, but most of the time it's very beautiful. It usually looks

very peaceful and quiet, reflecting the sky and clouds like a mirror, its banks lined by bending willows. But really the pond is a very busy place. My sisters and brother and I play by the water all year long and we have discovered many exciting things. There is an abundance of life in and around the pond, from the tiny darting minnows that we sometimes catch, to the "sea monster" that we saw last summer. This monster turned out to be a huge snapping turtle floating just under the surface of the water. My mother remembers seeing that big turtle when she was a little girl, so it must be very old.

One of the first signs of spring for those who live by the pond is the chorus of frogs every evening. In the daytime if we look very carefully we may find frogs' eggs in the pond. Soon we see the squirming black tadpoles, and later we have caught little green frogs that still have their tadpole tails. By Summer it is almost as if the frogs know us. They swim to shore when they see us coming, and sit quietly in our hands.

Sometimes in the summer we see a long streak in the pond like the wake of a tiny ship. When we look closely we can see a small head and a long thin tail, and we know that a muskrat is swimming across the pond.

Early in the morning when the water is low, we may see a heron standing on his stilt-like legs in the shallows. He stands as still as a statue, then makes a dart, and a fish disappears down his long throat for breakfast.

The pond attracts other birds as well — the bold Kingfishers that shriek as they sit in the willows watching for a fish to scoop up — a bittern that comes every year and makes weird noises at night — wild ducks and loons — and of course the sandpipers who teeter along the shore on their stiff little legs. Last summer we rescued a sandpiper from the jaws of our cat, so now she is a special friend of ours. If you should meet her by the pond, her name is Mary.

Last summer two large Mallard ducks appeared on the pond, and before we knew it they moved in with us as boarders. It kept our whole family busy feeding them, and if we forgot, they would waddle up the hill behind our house, hop up into the carport, and quack as loudly as they could at the kitchen door. In the afternoon they took a nap on the lawn. We named them Duke and Duchess because they were so handsome. In midsummer they gradually lost

their bright green, blue and scarlet feathers and grew a brown set, so we have quite a collection of feathers to remember them by. When cold weather came they swam away, a lot fatter than when they had come.

One autumn, we found some turtle eggs buried in our garden. We kept one and when it hatched, out crawled a tiny baby turtle. We kept him all winter in a bowl, and small as he was, he would snap horribly the minute he saw a piece of meat.

Of course in the pond, all the turtles and frogs spend the winter sleeping down in the soft mud far below the ice. When we're skating on the pond we can picture them there below us, and know we'll see them as soon as the ice melts in April.

When we're playing by the pond I sometimes think of all the other children who have surely enjoyed it before us, because the pond is about 140 years old.

In the 1820's Jasper Martin built a grist mill, first by hand, and then using barges pulled by oxen to haul away the mud. By damming the Sixteen Mile Creek at what is now Martin St., he made an artificial pond whose waters ran his mill. Water from the pond went through the raceway into the mill and made a huge water-wheel revolve. This provided the power to grind the grain.

In the late 1800's the pond was used for boating and swimming in summer, and for skating parties in the winter. Large picnics and garden parties were held in the woods, called Livingston's Park. There were picnic benches and tables, swings and slides for the children, a bandstand for con-

certs, and even gas lights on the trees for evening parties.

Perhaps the pond will become a centre of such good times again, because Milton has decided to take it over and restore it as our Centennial project. In 1967, 100 years after Confederation, the mill pond will be a fitting symbol of the history of this community. For without the pond and the mill, Milton might never have grown from a small pioneer settlement to the thriving centre that it is today.

And I know that without the pond to play by I wouldn't have nearly as much fun. Or get nearly as muddy!

**HALTON MANOR**

**Burlington Group Conducts "Irish" March Birthday Party**

By Miss Muriel Thompson

Some 15 young boys and girls who belong to the Junior Choir of Knox Presbyterian Church in Milton delighted the congregation with the singing of a lovely choral number, Memories of Galilee, at the church service in the chapel on Sunday afternoon, March 14. They were accompanied by the choir-master and organist of their church, Mr. J. Martindale, who was the organist for the service.

Rev. J. K. L. McGown, the minister of their church, chose the Parable of the Vine and Its Branches as the subject for his sermon. This parable is contained in verses 1-11 of Chapter 15 of St. John's Gospel, a passage that Mr. McGown had read as the Scripture lesson.

Having stated that the central purpose of the religious life is described in these verses, Mr. McGown said that the main trunk of the vine is Jesus, the branches are His followers and the husbandman is God. Branches are expected to bear fruit but they cannot do so without connection with the trunk. When there is connection between Christ, the trunk, and His followers, the branches, the holy spirit of God fills our lives. Mr. McGown closed his sermon by asking the question: what kind of branches are we? Let us be united by faith to the true vine, Jesus Christ.

**March Birthdays**

The March birthday party for those residents who celebrate their birthdays in March was conducted on Monday night, March 15, by 16 ladies and gentlemen who are connected with Branch 60 of the Royal Canadian Legion at Burlington. The party was sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Branch, with several gentlemen coming along to assist. A past president, Mrs. Emily Deckert, was the convener.

The auditorium presented a St. Patrick's Day appearance with cut-outs of Irish gossowns, plaid hats, clay pipes and shamrocks affixed to the walls. The head-

table had been decorated with three lovely bouquets of flowers and the stage with two large baskets of chrysanthemums.

The past president, Mrs. Deckert, introduced the president, Mrs. J. Cook to the audience. Mrs. Cook announced the program.

Two little girls displayed commendable talent in presenting numbers on the program. Aileen Mummery, dressed in Scottish costumes danced a number of Scottish dances. Shelly Kobluk sang and played her accordion for the selection Winter Holiday.

With Mr. G. Arnason at the piano and a number of the Legion ladies leading the singing, the visitors and residents enjoyed a sing-song together. The songs were nearly all Irish songs in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

There were 11 guests of honor able to accept the invitation to sit at the head table. These were Mrs. G. Boocock, Mrs. L. Plover, Mrs. C. Mephann, Mrs. M. Sheperd, Mrs. G. Burnell, Miss H. Metcalf and Messrs. S. Baverstock, J. Begley, V. Foley, J. Wilson and H. Rogers. Mr. Baverstock received a special round of applause for being the oldest resident present.

When the guests of honor had all been seated, a very attractive birthday cake, with its candles lighted, and several tiny cakes with one lighted candle for each, were placed on the head table. There was a special personal touch in connection with this cake for it had been baked by the son of Mrs. G. Harrow, a resident at the Manor from Burlington and iced by his wife.

Each guest of honor found a cracker at his or her place and when opened, these crackers provided paper head-bands for the guests. The Happy Birthday song was sung, as well as For He's a Jolly Good Fellow. Each guest received a birthday card and a \$1 bill.

The visitors had provided a tasty lunch of sandwiches, fancy biscuits, cup cakes, birthday cake and candy and these were served with tea and coffee. During this social hour the residents met again these faithful friends from the Legion Branch in Burlington.

**Annunciation**

Since the Annunciation would be celebrated on March 25, a date in that current week, Rev. Dr. Dustan took this sacred and important event as the subject of his sermon at the church service on Sunday afternoon, March 21. Before delivering his timely sermon, he read the story of the Annunciation from the first chapter of Luke.

After describing the God-fearing home in which the Virgin Mary grew up, Dr. Dustan said that the Annunciation was possible because of Mary's faith in God. The Annunciation draws our attention to the important fact of the Incarnation and when we believe in the Incarnation we realize that the abundant Christian life can

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