

Milton Then and Now

Flies, flies, war on flies

By Mel Robinson

At the beginning of this century flies were a definite part of everyday life in the summer and fall months. No one liked them or had a good word to say for them. On the other hand, not much was done to combat them. They were generally accepted as a kind of "necessary evil" about which nothing constructive could be done.

In 1910 Dr. C. J. Hastings, new M.O.H. for the city of Toronto, declared that a campaign must be started against the pest, which he considered one of the greatest menaces to public health. In urban centres it was obvious that the campaign could hope for little real success. The odds were entirely on the survival and further proliferation of the hardy little creatures.

Three methods were suggested for ridding household areas of flies. The first was to pour about 20 drops of carbolic acid on a very hot shovel or other metallic article. The fumes were to be allowed to spread through fly-infested rooms. It was probably a method as effective in driving out human beings as flies.

A teaspoon of formalin in a pint of water was suggested to attract and kill flies. As a boy I occasionally noticed a plate covered with a fluid in stores or homes. In each was a dark, circular pad which had been treated with something to kill thirsty flies. This must have worked for there usually were dead flies scattered around them. The third suggested treatment was the burning of pyrethrum powder.

People gradually became more concerned in ensuing years. In 1912 there was an outbreak of typhoid fever at the mental hospital at Mount Hamilton (called the

Hamilton Insane Asylum in those days). Health officials declared that flies were responsible for the outbreak.

There were 14 cases, and one patient and a doctor on the staff died. Flies were observed flying from unscreened filth to the kitchens and dining rooms, of the institution. This, of course, aroused public opinion about the danger to human health.

Across the whole country there was increasing concern. The slogan for the campaign that year was "Swat the Fly". Attention was focused on the number of flies which could be prevented from coming into existence by the simple process of swatting one fly early in the season. A better slogan was developed for 1913, "Starve the Flies". People were urged to get rid of manure piles and other accumulations of filth.

Dr. Hewitt of the Dominion Experimental Farm pointed out that flies come out of hibernation between April 15 and April 25. When they emerge they lay their eggs in some accumulation of filth, and young flies emerge in three weeks—much more rapidly as the season advances. Any disturbance of the dirt which hosts the eggs is fatal to them. A load of manure removed in the spring could bring about the non-appearance of thousands of flies.

The Champion noted and published such items to arouse the people of the town. Comments were made about manure piles, and other refuse. Attention was directed to the need for a regular, municipal collection of garbage. As early as 1912 Oakville was using its garbage collection as a selling point in trying to attract new industries and residents to the town.

In 1913 the paper reprinted an item entitled "The Good Old Days." It referred to the flies swarming around food items in grocery stores and butcher shops. Young boys entertained themselves as they waited for service—sweeping off handfuls of flies. Pitches of bacon hung, exposed to the flies, on hooks. Dried apples dangled on strings, gathering dust. Things had been worse, but they could be a great deal better.

Despite this kind of publicity the flies continued to swarm around each fall. People could not be persuaded to clear away the manure piles in their back yards. The town stolidly postponed the installation of sewers and a disposal plant. Outhouses were to be found behind many homes until action was finally taken in the early fifties.

Many families in town had a few fruit trees. A litter of decaying fruit under many of these trees was another attraction for the busy little flies.

What really curbed them as a pest was the increasing use of the motor car. As horses, buggies, and wagons gradually disappeared from the streets the manure piles around town disappeared too. Many stables became well kept garages, but some were allowed to fade into shabby old age. Regulations as to the pasteurization of milk led to the disappearance of cows and piles of their manure from town properties.

The slogan of 1913 was right. You have to cut off the flies at the source. The elimination of horses and cows from town properties has accomplished what our ancestors must have considered to be an impossibility. We still have flies, but in reasonable numbers.



With Nancy Gordon

Dear God:

Do you remember that sunny Saturday afternoon, Labor Day weekend 1968, when Mom and I were going shopping? That terrible accident left me unconscious, then heavily sedated for three days. I woke only to see my Dad sitting at the foot of my bed worryingly playing with his hat. Dad only told me the car had been scratched, where in reality it was a total write off. I don't think I thanked you for taking control of the events that day and giving me my life and the use of both legs. I thank you now with all my heart.

Dad told me that after stopping at the intersection, then making a left hand turn our car was struck on the driver's door and pushed 150 feet down the street. This left me with various cuts, bruises and a shattered left femur which resulted in my four month rest in traction.

Because my body chemistry is such that it rejects foreign objects, the doctors couldn't place a pin in my femur. If the leg didn't heal, in traction, it would have to be either shortened or amputated. At the time I was so sick and weak that I couldn't grasp the severity of my condition.

A few days later Rev. Gordon Turner, our minister, was doing his visitations in the Guelph General Hospital and he stopped by to see me, bearing with him a gift, greater than even he realized. It was a book by Richard Gehman, entitled *Let My Heart Be Broken*. This book not only opened my mind and my heart but allowed You to work in me.

Your spirit through this book made me realize I was one of the most fortunate people on earth. It told of the people of India, who were starving, had almost nothing to wear, no homes and death was their constant companion, including tiny babies. I had loving parents, relatives, and friends whom I never dreamed cared. I had the best doctors, a clean bed, good food and the luxury of a window beside my bed. The most important thing I realized even then is that You had granted me the greatest gift of all—LIFE.

Why? I didn't know. But my life changed. I realized that love is the strength upon which we build our lives, the love of family, friends, and most of all our love for You.

During my four month stay in hospital, I made many friends and were able to give and receive much joy and love. As the months quickly passed, my shattered femur became whole again. You healed my leg. Thank You.

During these four months I never worried about whether or not it would heal. Somehow I was filled with joy, laughter, love and the peace of mind to relax, letting You and the doctors take care of it.

Now I am able to run, walk, dance, skate and swim like others. I never take these simple things for granted. I always remember how close I came to spending my life either on crutches or in a wheelchair.

Please forgive me for taking such a long time to let You know how grateful I am that You did take control of that day's events, that sunny Saturday afternoon. With all my heart I once again thank You for my LIFE and my healthy legs. Through this letter of thanks I hope to let others know of your greatness and mercies that You lovingly grant us each day.

Love, Nancy.

I share with you this letter of thanksgiving to God, for there are so many who don't know what God's help is an everyday experience. Please share with us and others what God has done for you. Write of your experience and mail to:

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UCO man to speak

The October meeting of the Peel-Halton chapter of the Society of Management Accountants of Ontario will be held Thursday, Oct. 26 at the Holiday Inn, Oakville.

Lionel J. Emond, Executive Vice-President and Treasurer of United Co-Operatives of Ontario, will be guest speaker after the 6 p.m. dinner and will speak on successful project management.

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THE TOWN OF MILTON 1978 MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

POLLING NOTICE

The Regular Polling Day for 1978
Municipal and School Board
Election shall be:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13th, 1978

Between the Hours of 11:00 a.m. and 8 p.m.

A notice has been mailed to each Dwelling Unit in the Municipality advising the location of the Polling Place and the Advance Polling Place for the electors in the respective Dwelling Units.

ADVANCE POLL

For the purpose of receiving Votes of Electors who expect to be unable to vote on November 13, 1978.

THERE WILL BE TWO ADVANCE POLLS — SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4th, 1978 & TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 1978

Between the Hours of 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

At each of the following locations for Electors of the respective Wards.

- WARD 1 (TRAFALGAR) — Boyne Community Centre, Britannia Road, Milton, Ontario
- WARD 2 (MILTON) — Town of Milton Municipal Offices, 251 Main Street East, Milton, Ontario
- WARD 3 (NASSAGAWEYA) — Campbellville Lions Hall, Campbellville, Ontario

NAMES NOT ON POLLING LIST

Any person who has qualified to have his name entered on the polling list during the period of enumeration (September 4, 1978 to September 30, 1978) and finds that his name is not entered thereon or who has not filed the necessary forms to have his name entered during the period for corrections to such list (ending October 27th, 1978) can attend at my office to secure a certificate which will allow his name to be entered at the polling station. In addition to this, qualified electors may be entitled to have their name added to the list at the polling station on polling day.

Qualified Elector means: a person who during the period of September 4th, 1978 to September 30, 1978 was a Canadian citizen or other British subject, a resident of Milton or a non-resident owner or tenant or a spouse thereof and has attained the age of 18 years by November 13th, 1978.

PROXY VOTING

Forms are available at my office for the appointment of a voting proxy. A certificate to vote by proxy must be certified by THE CLERK. This can only be done between October 24th, 1978 and 5 p.m. Monday, November 13th, 1978.

C. Thompson,
Clerk & Returning Officer,
Town of Milton.

Between the Willows

Talk about being 'taken'

By Don Byers

I must have had a large sign, which read "SUCKER", hanging around my neck when I strolled onto the used car lot on St. Clair Ave., Toronto, some months after returning to civilian life in 1946.

Losing a brief bout with a fast talking salesman, I drove off in an enormous, shiny, black, seven-passenger Chrysler. At that time, we were renting my brother's home in North Toronto.

A day or so after my proud purchase, we were entertaining Rhea's sister and her husband. The big, black job was parked on the street, in front of the house.

I stood with Les at the living room window, admiring the splendid vehicle.

"Say, Don, what's that leaking out of the back of your car?" he asked.

"Let's find out," I replied. And we sure did: gasoline was pouring out of the gas tank at an incredible rate.

"Let's look at the engine while we're out here," Les suggested.

Would you believe the engine head had been welded on? "Oh boy! Have I ever been taken," I moaned.

Les looked on sympathetically, but said nothing. After work the following evening, I drove the brute back to the used car lot.

—Folks say last week's warm weather was "Indian Summer."

People in the know... Know The Champion

AROUND THE HOUSE

with Bill McDonald



Junior's trick-or-treat goodies will stay secure on his rounds if you make him a bag from scraps of cloth. Sew around three sides, use strips of cloth for handles.

Always shake out curtains to remove loose dust before tossing them in the washer.

Lipstick stains come right off cups and glasses if you rub with a little salt.

Chairs and rockers won't mar your freshly waxed floor if you wax their feet at the same time.

Cut bananas in short lengths to fit an egg slicer and you'll have nice, uniform pieces.

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3	FLAMINGO HILTON MARINA SAHARA SANDS TROPICANA	\$329.00 Single + \$75.00	\$359.00 Single + \$105.00	\$439.00 Single + \$180.00
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5	MOTEL SECTION WESTWARD HO	\$279.00 Single + \$45.00	\$299.00 Single + \$60.00	\$339.00 Single + \$105.00
	MINI PRICE INNS	\$269.00 Single + \$45.00	\$289.00 Single + \$60.00	\$329.00 Single + \$105.00

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