

Milton Then and Now

The care and neglect of teeth

By Mel Robinson

As mentioned in another article, there were dentists in Milton long before the beginning of this century. Very little was done, however, in the average family about dental health. I cannot recall using a tooth brush or having any experience in a dentist's chair before about 1919, when I was sent to Dr. Norman Winn for attention. I had removed my own baby teeth.

Dr. Winn's office was above the furniture store of undertaker Clarence R. Turner at 256 Main St. The stairway to the office was from Charles St. where we now have a bake shop. He was somewhat provoked about the condition of my teeth. There were many more cavities than there should have been with a boy of ten. He had me back several times to do all the necessary fillings. He was a short, pleasant man who looked crisply professional. I

believe he was quite a capable dentist. Certainly I did not develop a fear of the dentist's chair from that experience. He was not a stranger to our family. His people had operated the Winn and Company shoe factory at 181 Main St. I believe his family lived at 104 Robert St. when we lived farther west on that street. It probably helped to know that he was a local person, and not some unknown fiend devoted to extractions and the persecution of children.

It was not unusual that my teeth had been neglected. That was about the time when greater care of the teeth began to be more common. Many boys and girls of my age had the same problem. It was obvious that many of us did not make much use of a tooth brush. Some teachers stressed the need for dental care but others were less concerned. It was the same with parents. Some insisted on regular use of the tooth brush, but many did not.

Many parents neglected their own teeth and stoically adjusted to life with fewer and fewer teeth. It was not uncommon to see a man with his pipe clenched between a few stained, deteriorating teeth. When he talked, you could see that most of his back teeth were missing. Many adults had at least partial dentures by the time they reached their early thirties. Later, most of them had full dentures. As a result the lines of their faces were changed—some unfortunately. I can remember my father's unfortunate experience with his first full dentures.

Between the Willows

Top-down shock!

By Don Byers

It was shortly after 5 p.m. on a hot August day. I was in a downtown parking lot in Toronto, removing the soft-top from my MGB sports car. Having stored the stuff in the trunk, I took off for the Gardiner Expressway and was soon heading west at reasonable speed in the outside lane. Traffic was moving at the usual rush-hour rate but, without the usual hangups.

clamp it down on top of the windshield. By this time, of course, I'm soaked to the skin, and sitting in a puddle of water which had collected in the leather bucket seat.

Holding the top, shifting gears, and steering, had me moving like a paperhanger with one hand tied behind his back.

I felt and looked like a soggy sack of sawdust when I finally made it home. Enlisting the help of the whole family, I snapped the clamps on, and went into the house to get out of my wet clothes.

Subsequent to this soaking, I drove several times top-down in the rain. So long as it wasn't a heavy downpour, the airflow, as you drove, would carry the raindrops right over your head. Or so it says here.

"Greenie" which we nicknamed the MGB, today rests, wounded, in the barn. But not neglected. I keep her clean and polished—and often stand, admiring the smooth lines, wire wheels—and recall the many miles of fun we shared.

For those of you who have any reservations about my sanity, this should do it.

Tonight, after considerable con-

versation, today, with Big Dave's cat, Daimen; on the feline's behalf, I wrote Dave a letter.

Among other things, it described Daimen's night life, which probably is unprintable—and the fact that he is peeped out all day, preparing for a rematch.

We've had, over the years, a variety of cats. But Daimen takes the cake. He does talk to you. In cat language, he's an absolute blabbermouth.

He even responds to his own name, albeit, most of the time, as if he were being addressed as a monarch.

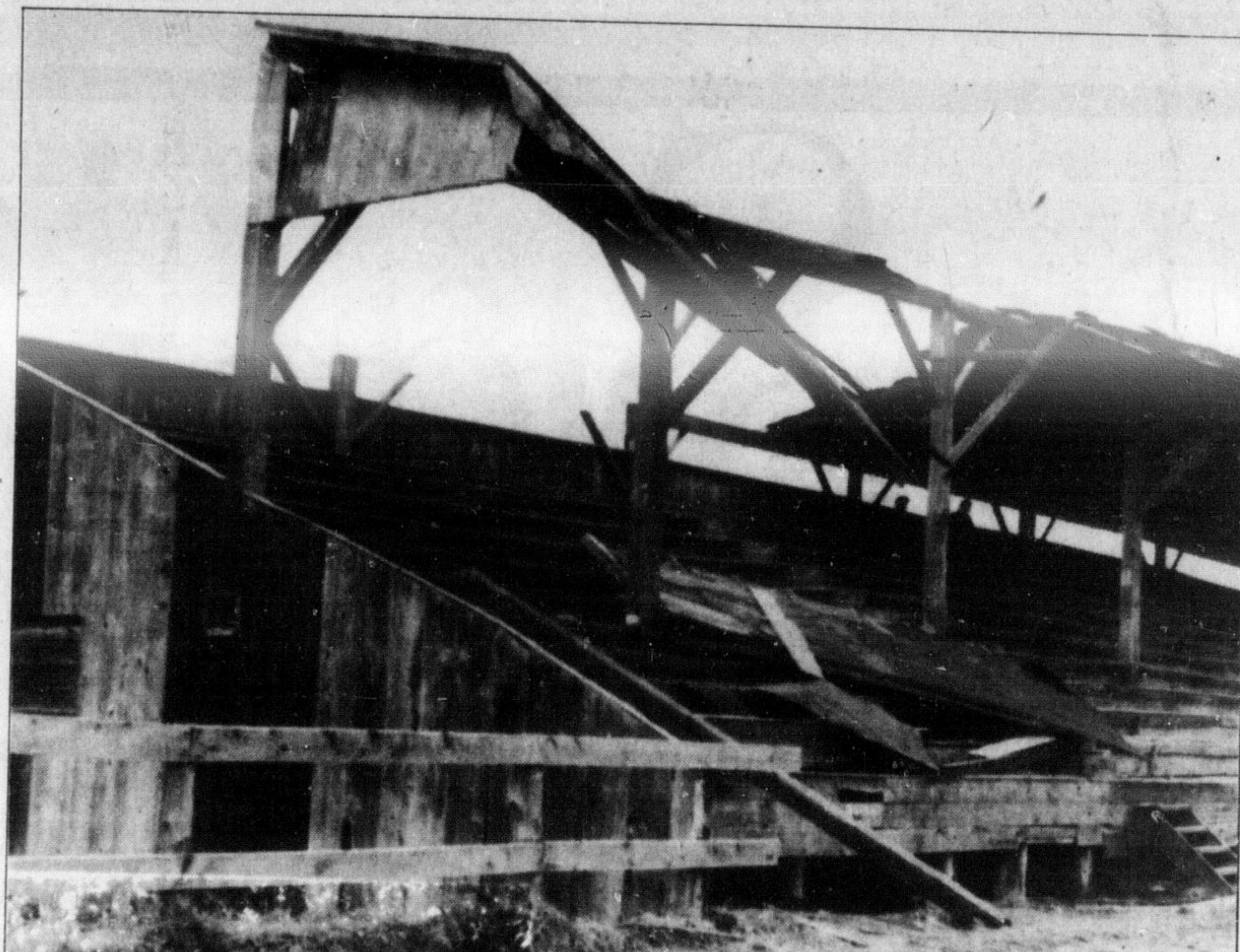
He shows up most mornings, with a nick here and a nick there, says his meow "hello", and heads for his favorite "crashing-out" place after, of course, further conversation, much purring, and a little exhausted, tail-up strutting.

I hope David enjoyed Daimen's letter. Mostly, it was up-tempo. But if Big Dave takes up with another cat in Vancouver, he's in big trouble.

I got that straight from Daimen. And please don't send out the guys in the white coats, and the large net.

The shiny, black cat would spook them, too.

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THE OLD WOODEN GRANDSTAND at Milton Fair Grounds was heavily damaged by wind during the 1950's. The current grandstand, a cement structure, was built in 1959 at a cost of \$50,000.

Farmers tour various farms

By Doug Miller

Thirty Halton farmers toured several places of interest in Peel and York Regions July 16, 1979. The first stop was the farm of Ross Deacon, RR 1 Unionville.

Ross told the group about his management practices for cash crop soybeans, corn and winter wheat.

From there, the tour moved to Sam and Joe Gray's farm at RR 4 Brampton.

At this large dairy operation, they are presently building a new barn, complete with a liquid manure system for 62 cows.

Their feeding program is based on alfalfa haylage and high moisture corn.

At the farm of Bill and David Gardhouse, RR 4 Caledon East, the group saw a different approach to manure handling. At this hog finishing operation, an irrigation system is used to dispose of the manure.

Over 100,000 gallons can be disposed in a day. From here the group moved to the OSECO plant in Brampton. This is a large, grass seed-cleaning plant.

The tour included the cleaning facilities and the laboratory where seeds are tested for germination and impurities. The tour gave the participants a chance to see new and different approaches to management problems.

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Wm. Early dies July 8

William Thomas Early has died at his R.R. 1, Campbellville home July 8 following a lengthy illness. He was 82 years old.

Mr. Early was born December 23, 1896 in Nassagaweya township.

He was a farmer, and married Laura Locker. He served in the first world war.

He was affiliated with the Ebenezer United Church.

Obituary

Elton Cole

One of Acton's oldest residents, Elton Edwin Cole, died suddenly at his home 22 Cameron Ave. May 28. He was in his 92nd year.

Mr. Cole, an avid horse racing fan, was born April 19, 1888, in Hornby, son of Walter William Cole and Emily Atherton. He attended school in Hornby, where he was known for his pranks and surprising the teachers.

Funeral services were held July 10 at the Shoemaker Funeral Home, with Rev. Russell Finley officiating. Interment was at Ebenezer. Pallbearers were nephews, Bill and Mel Lowry, and Bill Blacklock, and friends, Tom Patterson, Alex Gall and Claude Brinlow.

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Left to mourn his loss are his wife Katherine, sons Walter, R.R. 2, Acton and Delbert, Guelph, daughters Ruth, (Mrs. Roy Wood), Campbellville, Lena (Mrs. Doug Mason), 68 Lake Ave., and Doreen (Mrs. Ross Auliffe) Guelph, sister Beatrice Downs, Milton, and one brother Bob, Milton. He was predeceased by his parents, one son Jack on April 21, 1979, and one brother Fred. He is also survived by 16 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Horse club learns about parasites

By Eartha May

The July meeting of the Halton 4-H Horse Club was held at the Walter Scott farm on the Fifth Line, north of Steeles Avenue.

talked about parasites and how to prevent them. Each member was given a copy of the material on internal and external parasites. After the lesson there was a discussion of some of the various problems that members had experienced because of parasites.

The meeting was ended with a snack of pop and donuts provided by the Scotts. The members individually thanked them.

A fun day was discussed and a games committee was set up. The exact date was not decided.

Achievement Day was discussed briefly. After the club business was settled, Allison Amos

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