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 been neglected. That was about the somewhat provoked about the condition time when greater care of the teeth 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.

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

It was not unusual that my teeth had 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 con-

extractions and the persecution of

cerned. 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 not some unknown fiend devoted to 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.

As a school teacher in the early nineteen thirties, I had become much more concerned about my teeth. By that time Dr. George King had an office in the

Farmes' Building at 163 Main St. I went to him every six months and had a great deal of work done by him.

As a regular visitor to his office and as a result of mutual acquaintance—he knew my father quite well-we became very good friends. We managed to carry on a conversation most of the time I was in his chair, regardless of the apparatus he had in my mouth. When I spoke about these conversations, some of my friends found it difficult to believe that we could talk so much under those circumstances.

considered Dr. King an excellent dentist, as did most people in town. I was impressed when we moved to the Kingston area. I went to one of the best there, and he was visibly impressed by the quality of the work done on my

Up until recently, my thinking about teeth was a carryover from earlier years. I assumed that it was best to go to a dentist regularly, but I was convinced that it was just a matter of time— as it used to be—until I would have a partial plate, and later full den-

was quite surprised when my present dentist disagreed. Despite the early neglect of my teeth he believes that I should be able to keep most of them indefinitely. I have a few bridges and do try to care for my teeth. What with canal jobs, and other dental techniques, apparently much can be done for the rest of them.

Recently I read a newspaper account of information provided by the president of the Canadian Dental Association. I was surprised to learn that in Ontario, the province with the best record for dental health, close to 10 per cent of children never put a tooth brush in their mouth. Many people now have free dental care available to them as a result of modern social programs. Despite this a substantial number of those eligible do not obtain dental care that they really need.

In general many people are still loath to obtain the dental care they should have. Reasons for this were studied and it was found that half of those queried had thought they did not need care. Twenty per cent said they could not afford it, and 14 per cent were afraid of

In another survey it was found that 56 per cent of the women had lost all of their teeth, but only 21 per cent of the men. My own opinion of this situation is that it reflects the outlook of families in previous decades. The man was the one who earned the family income. It was essential that he maintain appearances at his place of work. Faced with teeth problems, women tended to "get it over with" and use full dentures.



Milton Fair Grounds was heavily damaged in 1959 at a cost of \$50,000. by wind during the 1950's. The current

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 rushhour rate but, without the usual hangups.

Out on the QEW, the pace picked up, and with it the exhilaration of top-down driving. But my pleasure was to be short-lived.

When I reached the Hwy. 10 Interchange, the heavens suddenly opened up and the rain came down in fivegallon drums. I was virtually driving blind because of the water streaming down the inside of my windshield. And I had to negotiate two lanes of traffic, in order to pull off onto the shoulder. Through some kind of miracle, I made

Into the trunk for the parts to assemble the top. The tubular frames were a cinch. The plastic top itself was reservations about my sanity, this something else. The cool rain had should do it. contracted it just enough that I couldn't

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 year 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

For those of you who have any Tonight, after considerable conversation, 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 pooped 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, albiet, 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 favor-"crashing-out" place after, course, further conversation, much purring, and a little exhausted, tail-up strutting.

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. Guaranteed.

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

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.

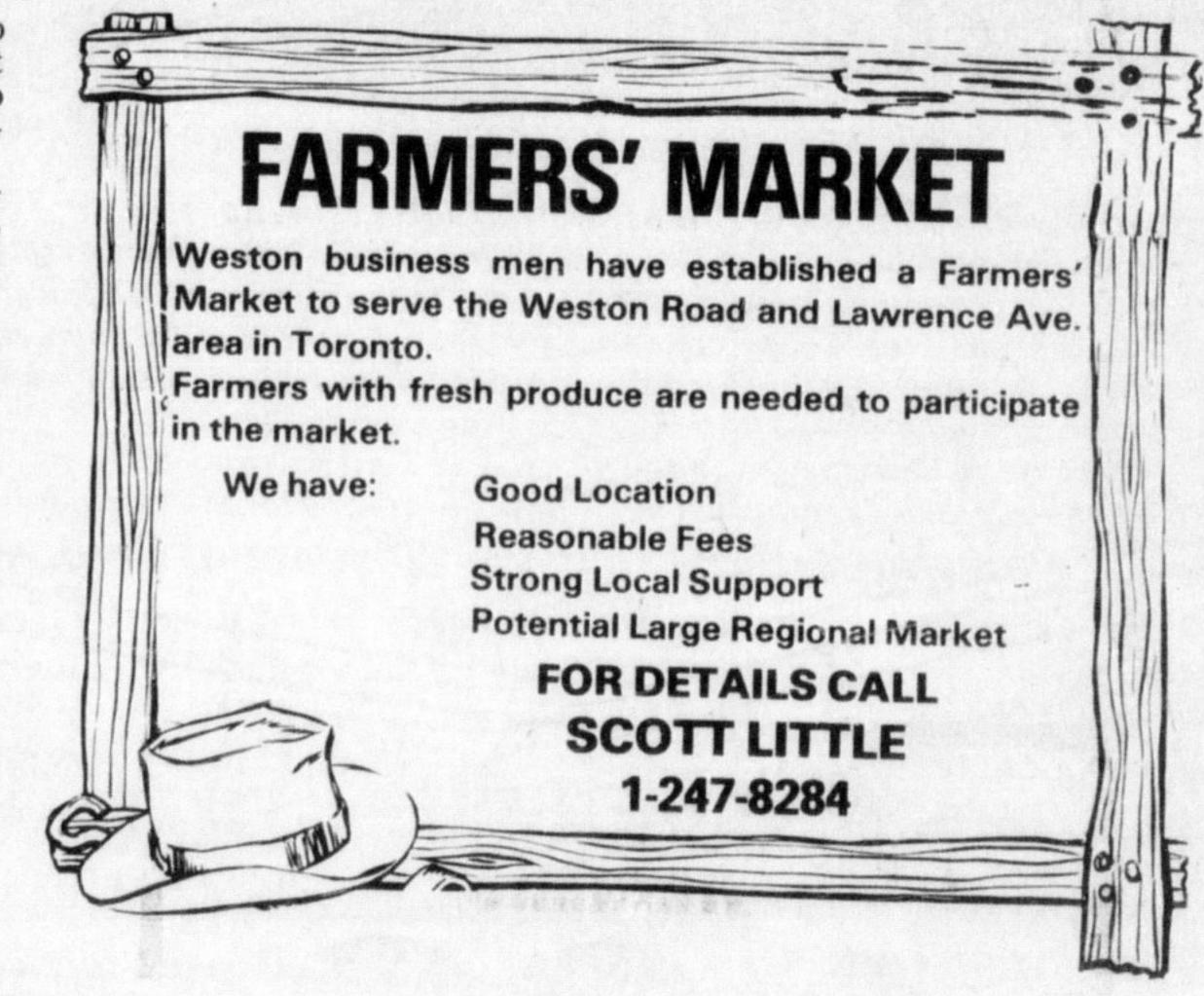
Their feeding program is based on alfalfa haylage and high moisture

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

Over 100,000 gallons cleaning plant.

can be disposed in a day. The tour included the From here the group cleaning facilities and moved to the OSECO the laboratory where plant in Brampton. This seeds are tested is a large, grass seedgermination

The tour gave the participants a chance to see new and different approaches to management problems.



Wm. Early dies July 8 William Thomas Early ness. He was 82 years old.

has died at his R.R. 1. Campbellville home July December 23, 1896 in 8 following a lengthy ill-

Mr. Early was born Nassagaweya township.

Obituary Elton Cole

One of Acton's oldest an avid hockey fan, and residents. Elton Edwin was extremely interested Cole, died suddenly at his in politics, always readhome 22 Cameron Ave, ing newspapers back to May 28. He was in his front daily. 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 Doug Mason), 68 Lake known for his pranks and Ave., and Doreen (Mrs. surprising the teachers.

Lowville Church was the setting for the June 17, 1914 wed-Katherine McEachern. They would have celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

In April, 1918, Mr. Cole moved his family from Scotch Block to the Acton area, where he began his career in threshing. December 14, 1922, he started farming at Lot 3, Conc. 3, bury officiating. Inter-Erin township, where he ment was at Churchill stayed until May 15, 1972, Cemetery. Pallbearers He then retired to 22 Cameron.

Mr. Cole had a sharp eye for a good horse or cattle beast, which benefitted his trade. He was

Ross Auliffe) Guelph.,

sister Beatrice Downs,

Milton, and one brother

Bob, Milton. He was pre-

deceased by his parents,

one son Jack on April 21,

1979, and one brother

Fred. He is also survived

by 16 grandchildren and

Funeral service was

held May 30 at Shoe-

maker Funeral Home,

were neighbors Bruce

Eachern, Johnny Lightle,

Theo Papillon, Colin

Leitch, Angus

Townsley.

19 great grandchildren.

Left to mourn his loss are his wife Katherine, sons Walter, R.R. 2, He is also survived by Brinlow. and Delbert, Guelph, daughters Ruth, (Mrs. Roy Wood), Campbellville, Lena (Mrs.

He was a farmer, and one sister, Gert McLean, married Laura Locker. He served in the first world war. Mr. Early was pre-He was affiliated with

deceased by his wife, Laura, brothers Jim and Jack, and sisters Jennie Lamb and Liza Blacklock. He is survived by daughters Myrtle Gullis, Milton, Eileen McEnery, lieb, Newmarket and Blacklock. Guelph, sons Bill, Owen Sound and Don, at home.

Guelph, 18 grandchildren and 19 great grandchild-

the Ebenezer United Church. Funeral services were held July 10 at the Shoemaker Funeral Home, officiating.

with Rev. Russell Finley Interment Ballinafad, Mary May- was at Ebenzer. Pallnard, London, Jean Ort- bearers were nephews, Bill and Mel Lowry, and Blacklock, and friends, Tom Patterson, Alex Gall and Claude

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.

The meeting was opened with the 4-H Pledge. Attendance was taken and the minutes of the last two meetings were with Rev. A. Walter Fos- read.

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

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

erienced because of par-The meeting was ended with a snack of pop and donuts provided by the Scotts. The members individually thanked

members had



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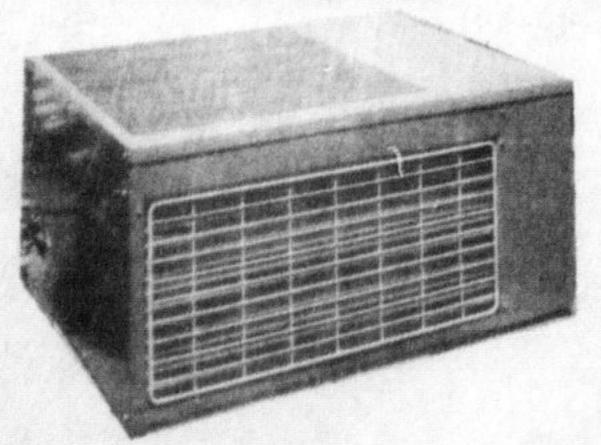
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