

Miles For Millions National Walk Committee

Prime Minister Trudeau announced that May 2 and 3 will be National Walk Weekend, when Canadian communities from coast to coast will take part in Miles

for Millions Walks. The Prime Minister said, "A simple idea, a worthy cause and unlimited amounts of community spirit — on these have been built the

remarkable success of Miles for Millions." He pointed out that a good part of the funds raised by these annual walks goes to provide food, medicine and other assistance to needy people in developing countries. "It is a cause," he said, "which deserves our whole-hearted support."

Mr. Trudeau recalled that last year about 400,000 youthful Canadians raised almost four and a half million dollars. "An enviable record," he commented, "but one which is there to be broken."

In his office on Parliament Hill Mr. Trudeau sponsored three young walkers-to-be from the Hull-Ottawa area: Susan D'Arcy, 13, of Saint Theresa's School, Norah McRae, 8, of Devonshire Public School, and Claude Brassard, 17, of St-Jean-Baptiste School.

In his statement of support Mr. Trudeau pointed out that over 125 communities will take up the challenge. Most of the walks will be held on National Walk Weekend, May 2-3, and millions of all ages can take part, as walkers, organizers or sponsors.

"To all those involved in the 1970 walks," he said, "best wishes for more Miles and more Millions."

Money raised by the walks is allocated by 15 agencies working co-operatively with local committees across the country. Most money goes to help projects in developing countries, while some communities also help local Canadian needs.

Industrial Training Activity

Training courses provided by the Ontario Department of Labour are playing an important part in helping industry and employees meet the challenges created by technological change.

The March monthly report by the Industrial Training Branch of the Department of Labour on Training Programs indicated that 5,663 employees completed short-term training courses during the 1969-70 fiscal year. This was an increase of 700 over the previous year and more than double the number for the 1967-68 period.

C. V. Walker, administrator of program development for the branch, said that short-term training projects, which involve approximately 6,000 employees, are being undertaken in industry to provide training for new employees in the plants in a relatively short space of time as compared to the more rigid five-year apprenticeship program.

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Department of Manpower and Immigration, is designed to help fill the gaps in industry.

Although the program is only one part of the three training systems provided by the Industrial Training Branch, it is becoming an increasingly important phase of the training process since it quickly develops latent skills and abilities in limited skill operations.

The short-term training concept was developed simultaneously with the passing of the Adult Occupational Training Act in April, 1967. It was initially aimed at the upgrading and retraining of persons who might be replaced by the development of technological changes.

Since that time the program has been extended to provide training for new employees in the plants in a relatively short space of time as compared to the more rigid five-year apprenticeship program. For decades, industrial training in this province has been geared to an apprenticeship program that provides relatively stable and clearly defined guidelines for training in industry.

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To Develop Lake Louise Resort Village

A multi-million dollar year-round resort village will be developed near Lake Louise in Banff National Park by a company created especially to build and operate it. This was announced jointly by federal Northern Development Minister Jean Chretien, H. A. Olson, Federal Minister for Alberta, and W. S. Robertson, Chairman of Village Lake Louise Ltd.

The company is Village Lake Louise Limited, owned jointly by Imperial Lil Limited of Toronto and Lake Louise Lifts Limited of Lake Louise.

Detailed planning is already under way; some elements will be completed late in 1971 and early in 1972. The village is expected to be in full operation for the summer season of 1972.

The new firm's plan was accepted following a public invitation by the National and Historic Parks Branch of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development for proposals.

The Village Lake Louise proposal is based on careful planning to develop accommodation and other visitor facilities consistent with National Park values and objectives. The architectural design theme, structures and landscaping will blend with the surrounding grandeur of the Rockies.

On opening there will be a range of visitor accommodation and services, including restaurants, shops, etc., designed to provide a self-contained integrated resort village. Expansion will follow according to a master plan and in response to demand. Trailer Parks and campgrounds operated by the federal National Parks Service are already situated near the village site.

Close to the Trans-Canada Highway, the village will be located near the existing Lake Louise community, northeast of the Chateau Lake Louise and the Victoria Glacier, and southwest of the Lake Louise ski area.

In recent years public use of Canada's national parks has grown by some 10 per cent per year, with a resultant demand for high-quality services, principally in the summer but to an increasing degree in the winter months.

Under the terms of the present agreement in principle, Village Lake Louise and the federal Northern Development department will enter into a standard long-term lease that will provide an attractive rental return to the federal government.

Future Control Of Insects

R. H. Robertson, a serologist at the Canada Agriculture Research Station, Lethbridge, Alta., says the Department has many investigations in progress to devise better methods to control insect pests.

"Some of these methods may seem rather radical," he adds, "but they have potential for efficient and safe control."

Pheromones or scent attractants of various insects are being discovered, identified and synthesized to be used to trap insects or to attract them to poisoned baits.

Visual and sound attractants are being tried for the same purposes.

Scientists are studying insect habitats, defining them more rigidly. For example, progress is being made on the measurement of static electricity in specific areas where some insects gather.

Eventually, along with the use of other ecological information, congregation areas may be defined so that insecticide treatments are limited to those areas.

"This would prevent insecticide pollution of a large area," says Mr. Robertson.

Biological methods of control have been investigated and used for some time. Many insects, like larger animals, have natural enemies such as parasites and predators. These have been and are being discovered and used for control.

In recent years, sterilization techniques have been used to eradicate some insects.

This method involves the sterilization of laboratory-reared male insects. When these insects are released into the natural populations and, when they mate with females, the eggs that are laid are infertile.

Scientists are tackling one of the main difficulties of this approach — developing inexpensive insect rearing methods.

Some insects that attack livestock are difficult to control, but their effects on the animal may be greatly reduced or eliminated, says Mr. Robertson.

Where the insects are parasites that can only survive in a host animal, vaccination or immunization methods are being developed.

Blood-feeding insects such as blackflies and horseflies have toxins (poisons) that can kill livestock.

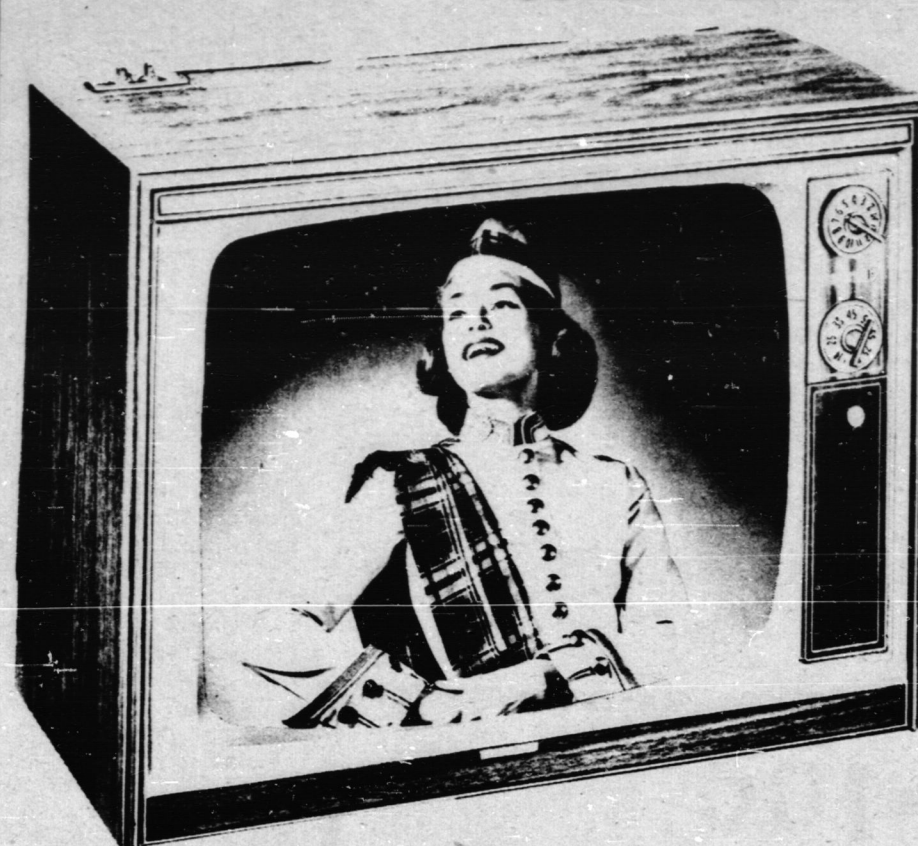
"These toxins are also being investigated and I think that eventually vaccines will be developed to protect animals from the effects of the toxins," he says.

The causes of allergic reactions of animals to biting insects such as mosquitoes, blackflies and horseflies are also being studied.

"I think we will develop a method to eliminate these reactions from both animals and man by means of vaccination," says Mr. Robertson.

"Much other work is in progress — some even more radical — that will be used to improve current insect control methods with less pollution to the environment."

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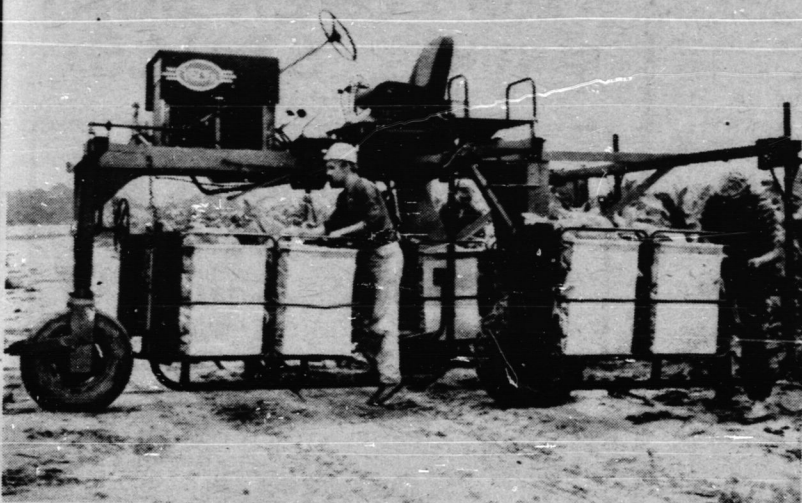
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