



ADMIRING THE WINNING EXHIBIT young Mike Vanourschot and Kathie Course look on as Leslie Windmoller displays her winning poster. Leslie won the safety poster contest put on by Kelso Pool. Mike won the poster contest for the youngest division and Janice Bertasson, absent when the picture was taken, won the poster contest for second age group. Kathie won the essay contest open to all age groups. (Staff Photo)

A foolish family

Kelso essay contest winner

Kathie Course, 13, was the junior prizewinner in a water safety essay competition held for swimmers at the Kelso Conservation Area pool lessons. Here is her essay which won over a field of 25 entries:

"A FOOLISH FAMILY"

By Kathie Course
Mr. and Mrs. Rox were on their way up to their summer cottage one August day with their three children, Janice 5,

Elizabeth 13 and Bill 17. After their lunch at the cottage, Mr. Rox proposed to go for a boat ride around the lake, so everyone piled in the boat — forgetting one very basic item, not their picnic basket filled with supper, nor their bathing suits, but their life jackets. Liz and Bill felt there was no need for them to wear life jackets because they were both excellent swimmers and Mr. and Mrs. Rox thought they looked silly

with the big, bulky bright red jackets. Janice didn't want to wear one because nobody else was.

You and I know that this was a foolish mistake. The boat ride went along smoothly and around four o'clock they found a lovely sandy beach to spend the rest of the day by. The whole family was mindful of the swimming and everyone remembered not to swim far away from shore; to check the water for objects that could cost you your life, whether it be a rock jutting out when diving or reeds to pull you under when swimming; and what to do if in a serious predicament.

The family enjoyed their accident-free day until it was time to go back to the cottage. Bill wanted to drive the boat and Mr. Rox let him. They went smoothly along until Bill started to go too fast for that type of boat and when he started to swerve, no one saw the rock above the surface of the water until too late and the boat capsized.

Mr. and Mrs. Rox were lucky to catch the side of the boat; and only suffered a great shock as were Liz and Bill but everyone seemed to have forgotten about poor Janice and when a passing boat stopped and let them in they turned over the boat to find Janice's body floating on the surface of the water. Her heart was still beating then, but by the time they got her into the boat and arguing over what they should do, Janice drew her last.

What would you have done in a situation like this? More than likely you would have worn a life jacket in the first place. I'm not sure you would have gotten her into the boat quickly, not have panicked and applied artificial respiration. If they did this, Janice might have lived. Know your water safety because this could happen to you just as easily."

Fire prevention week planning progresses

Fire Prevention Week in Halton is still over two months away, but the Halton Fire Prevention Bureau is already making plans for their annual celebration of the important week. At their last meeting in Milton the Bureau, comprising members from Oakville, Acton, Milton and Georgetown Fire Departments, made plans for their annual church parade, a grade five student's poster contest and the distribution of literature prior to and during Fire Prevention Week, October 8 to 15.

Every grade five student in Halton is eligible to enter the annual poster contest. Area winners' posters are selected by the sponsoring fire department and these will be sent to the fire prevention bureau of a neighboring city brigade for the final judging. The top boy and girl in the contest will receive a school trophy and a personal trophy, and will be honored by the Bureau at a banquet in November. Several "honorable mention" certificates will also be awarded.

Georgetown will host the annual church parade this year, Fire Chief Erwin Lewis is making arrangements for the October parade.

The bulk of the Bureau's literature will go out to the schools, churches and organizations around Fire Prevention Week. School drills, home inspections, film shows, fire hall open houses and other events will be staged that week, too. This year's literature includes 10,000 "centennial" placemats distributed free to restaurants and dining rooms in the county, depicting a century of firefighting, from the bucket brigade to the modern pumper.

Sales decline at Ont. Steel

A decline of eight per cent in Ontario Steel Products Co. sales for the six months ending June 30 has been attributed to the decrease in car production in Canada and the U.S.A.

Common shares dropped from \$1.99 at the same period in 1966 to \$1.50, chairman and president O. D. Cowan reports.

Actondale dispersal sale held

A very successful dispersal of registered Holsteins was held at the farm of J. Fyfe Somerville of Acton on Saturday, July 29.

The top animal, a Very Good daughter of Seiling Triune Achilles sold for \$900, to Hugo Lyons of Cheltenham. The Dolsons of Fradol Farms Limited, Brampton, were the big buyers, taking three daughters of Thornlea Texal Supreme. Two were graded Very Good and sold for \$825 and \$700. A Good Plus daughter of the same sire brought \$710 from the same buyers.

William J. Craig of Brampton paid \$740 for a Good Plus daughter of Seiling Triune Achilles and \$620 for a Good Plus daughter of Thornlea. Dave Lawson of Milton paid \$500 for a Good Plus daughter of Ollie with 15,800 pounds of milk. The 18 registered cows including calves three months and under averaged \$532. The sale was managed and sold by Max Storey of Rockwood with Martyn Heslop on pedigree. John Popp of Rockwood was leadman.

Sunday's rain dampened many summer picnics. It's been raining most weekends all summer.

Looked out an old fashioned costume yet? Old Fashioned Days returns to Milton in late August and this year's event should be bigger than ever before in recognition of Centennial year.

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