

# Hikers Age 4 To 74 Tramp Trail In Georgetown-Limehouse Area

By Roy Downs

"Some people, if they had their way, would be born with wheels instead of legs."

The quote is one of a dozen similar outbursts from George Rimmer of Burlington, a member of the Bruce Trail Club — a man who loves his hiking, and a man dedicated to enjoying the outdoors himself, even if the rest of the world wants to ride on wheels.

George and 16 others took up their favorite sport just recently on an organized spring hike along a four mile stretch of the Bruce Trail in the Limehouse area. The Toronto Bruce Trail club organized the event and decided to explore a little-used section of their trail between the Fourth and Seventh Lines Esqueving Township.

### Twice Four Miles

Because it was only a four-mile stretch and the normal organized hike is around eight miles in length, they retraced their steps and walked it both ways.

Landowner problems west of the Fourth Line and east of the Seventh Line (Highway 7 at this point) caused the only breaks in the 20.7 mile section of the Bruce Trail for which the Toronto club is responsible. Anyone using the trail between the Third and Fourth Lines and between the Seventh and Eighth Lines must walk on the roads because landowners have not granted permission for the trail to cross their farms. East of the Seventh Line a quarry has purchased rock rights and hikers are asked to stay off the property, because the firm cannot be responsible for injuries caused hikers by blasting.

The Toronto Club maintains the trail between Five Sideroad

at Kelso and the Terra Cotta Conservation Area. Except for those two portions, it's all bush and field walking.

### Latest Gear

The recent hike began at the Georgetown Plaza at 10 a.m. where carloads of hikers assembled, ready to start the trek through the open land. Most wore special hiking boots, heavy jackets and warm clothing, and carried such paraphernalia as knapsacks full of lunch and a hot beverage, knives, binoculars and Bruce Trail guidebooks and maps. But organizers point out you don't need all that special equipment to walk the trail.

The cars drove to the Fourth Line and the 17 hikers spilled out into the crisp fresh air. They ranged in age from about four to about 74 — and included four women, 12 men and a child. Some brought specially-carved 'walking sticks' and one man carried a light aluminum cane.

It was 10:45 when they left the embarkation point, and at precisely noon they stumbled into a lovely clearing to find an ideal spot to sit for lunch. . . . midway between the Fifth and Sixth Lines. Following a half-hour lunch break they were off again, and the Seventh Line destination was reached about 1:30 p.m.

### Back to Cars

Four who wanted to be home early had parked their cars at the Seventh Line and they departed for home from there — the others turned around and walked down the same trail, arriving back to their cars at 3:15 p.m.

Sights along the trail included a maple sugar shack where where experts in the crowd explained the syrup boiling pro-

cess, a pretty waterfall on a creek that flows beside the trail near the Seventh Line, and the spotting of several colourful birds which the birdwatchers immediately identified.

### Mo Liked It

The hikers were mostly members of the Toronto club and well known to one another, but they quickly made friends with some visitors and guests, some of whom were making their first distance hike and thoroughly enjoyed it.

One member was Milton's only Bruce Trail addict, John Beverley of the Base Line Road. John was encouraged to try hiking one fine spring day two years ago when he joined Toronto Club hike from Speyside to Kelso. He loved it, joined the club, and has been hiking nearly every weekend since, either in organized parties or by himself.

The Kelso to Terra Cotta section of the trail is one of the most scenic and most popular.

### AMBULANCE CALLS

During the two week period of April 3 to April 1, the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service answered three calls.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6th**  
12:00 p.m. . . . A routine run from Georgetown to Sunnybrook Hospital, taken by J. Hooper and Walter Thompson.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 7th**  
1:15 p.m. . . . A routine run from Georgetown to Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto, taken by Jim Jenkins and Trevor Williams.

**MONDAY, APRIL 11th**  
10:25 p.m. . . . An emergency call. Ambulance not required. Taken by Cec Davidson and Doug Peck.

## PLAN TO HIKE? READ THIS FIRST

Here are some points to note if you are considering any hiking on the Bruce Trail.

- The trail passes almost entirely through private land, and it has been made possible only through the enthusiasm and trust of the landowners, without cost. Please treat the property as though it were your own. Do not litter, light fires, pick flowers or hack bark off trees.

- Water is often scarce so you should carry a beverage with you.

- Don't hike the trail alone. If you sprain an ankle it could mean a long, painful wait. It's better to hike in a party, with cars located at each end of the section you want to walk. That way you can drive to your departure point, walk to the destination, and drive back to pick up your car.

- Don't smoke while you are walking. Sit down while you smoke, and make sure your ashes are dead out before proceeding.

- Stiles have been erected for crossing fences. Use them. Don't open gates or climb under fences.

- No hunting on the trail.

- Please keep dogs on a leash when in farmland.

- Do not obstruct driveways or roadways when parking your car.

- Trail-markers constitute white 'blazes' about two inches wide by six inches deep, spaced at frequent intervals on trees at the right side of the trail (both ways). Where two blazes appear, one on top of the other a change in direction is indicated. Diamond-shaped metal Bruce Trail markers are posted on stiles and along the trail.

## Warden Wants Cut in County Mail Bulletins

Warden H. H. Hinton is trying to get the county to cut down on the amount of paper it uses.

His first attempt received a temporary setback. He tried to reduce the number of people on a mailing list for a weed control newsletter from 41 to 11.

But Thursday county council's agricultural committee which authorizes the newsletter decided to retain the old mailing list until Mr. Hinton applies to the committee.

Those the warden deleted from the list were: mayors, Reeves, members of parliament, chambers of commerce organizations, district and local weed inspectors, municipal works departments, John Bradshaw, a horticulturalist and Henry Stanley, the county agricultural representative.

"I agree there is far too much paper going out of this office, but is this the kind of thing we want to stop?" stated William Hoey, deputy-reeve of Nassagaweya Township.

Mr. Hinton's contention is that most of the newspapers reprint the newsletters and anybody that wants to read them can read them in the papers.

In 1965 a total of 26 cancer research projects were supported by the Canadian Cancer Society in Canadian universities research institutes.

## March Hospital Activities Almost Parallel to 1965

Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital's operation in March 1968 statistically a report just released by the hospital reveals.

The average number of patients per day for March '68 was 55, identical to that of March 1965. And the months were also similar in the percentage of beds occupied — 82 percent.

Total days of care, which is arrived at by taking the number of days of care given each patient during the month and totaling them, was 1,704 for last month, just one less than March '65 figure.

The months were also very much alike in the daily average number of newborn in hospital — 7.3 in March '68 and 6.9 in March '65; and average length of stay for newborn — 8 days during March '68, and 7.9 days during March '65.

Other statistics are not so similar. There were 33 babies born in the hospital last month (compared to 29 in March '65) bringing to 89 the number of births there this year.

Two deaths in hospital during March bring to 5 the total number of deaths to date this year, compared to 5 deaths in March alone of '65.

The widest variance occurs in the number of emergency visits. Last month the hospital handled

133 emergencies compared to 268 during March of '65.

Major operations last month totalled 7. There were 18 during the same period last year.

## Seek 12 Staffers for Halton Health Unit

At least 12 staff members are needed to relieve the chronic shortage of personnel at the Halton County Health Unit a branch of which is located in Georgetown.

"If we can't get additional staff by June we won't have much chance this year," reported the director of nursing for the unit, Grace J. Leavay.

"We are facing a chronic shortage, especially in the public nursing area," she said.

The annual report for 1965 shows four vacancies in the public health nurse category, vacancies for two sanitary inspectors, two dental hygienists, one full time and one part time medical officer of health, one registered nurse and one registered nurse's assistant.

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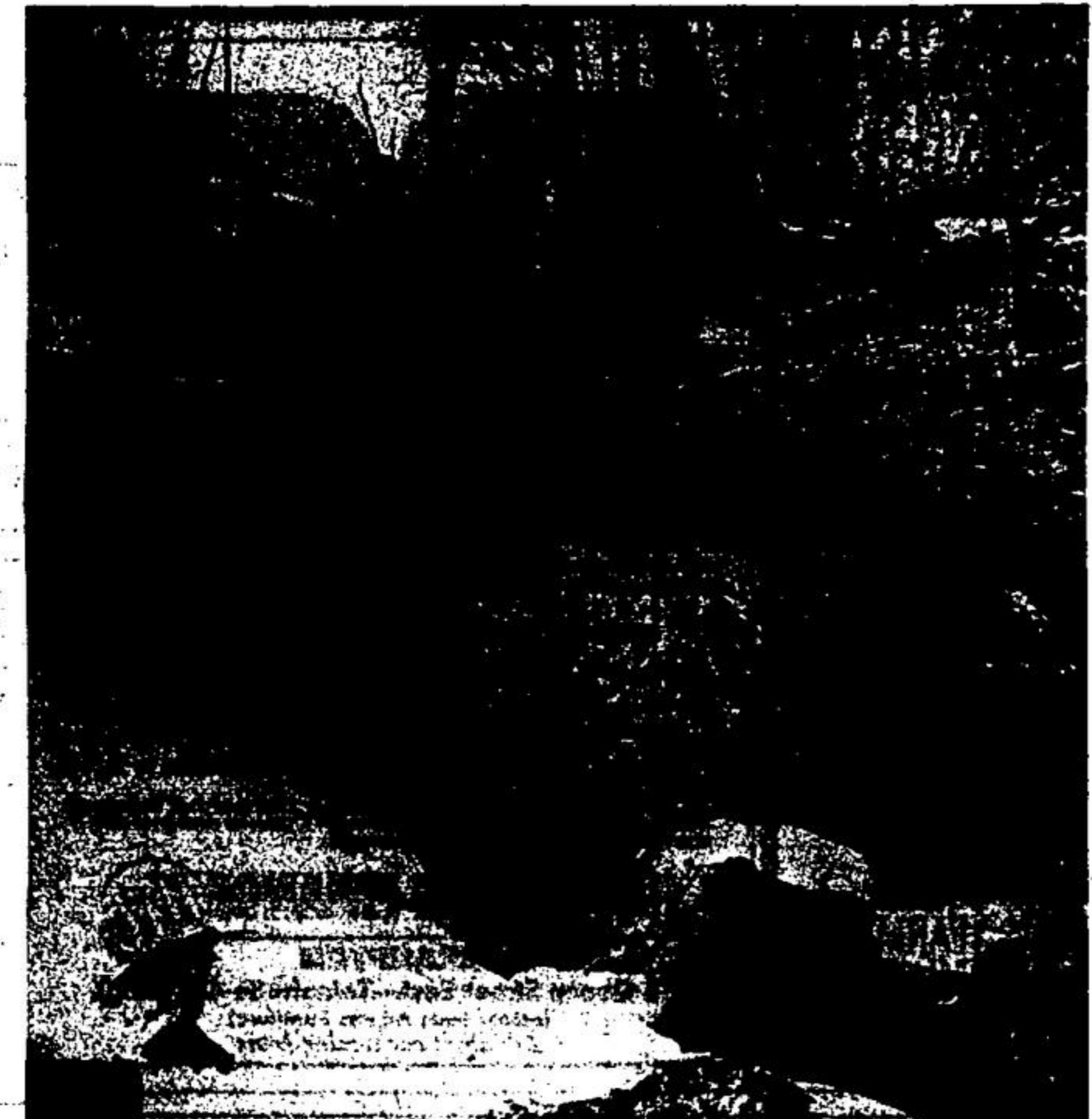
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FOOT WEARY WANDERER George Rimmer stops to rest atop a boulder beside a waterfall during a recent Bruce Trail hike in the Georgetown - Limehouse district.



LUNCHES NEVER TASTE BETTER THAN THOSE eaten by hikers while on the trail. This foursome taking time out for a bite of lunch agrees wholeheartedly. There were 17 hikers in the group that trekked the trail in the Georgetown area recently.

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