

OUR READERS WRITE:

Out to lunch . . . with a pole

Out To Lunch
Down in our little township
Where the "speckled beauties" play,
I hide my "pole" down by the "hole",
For when I sneak away.
I dig my "bait" along the way,
When I leave the "busy bunch".
The "boss" gets sore 'cause on the door,
It says I'm "Out To Lunch".
I sit down among the blackflies,
With my little jug of tea,
I rest content in temperament.

There's nothing bothering me.
From the clatter of the type-machines,
And figures in the book,
I have no care when I'm out there,
With a "rainbow" on my hook.
Now, every year about this time,
This dread disease breaks out,
Spring-fever flood gets in my blood,
It's time to fish for TROUT.
Victor Smith,
R.R. 2, Rockwood.

Sympathetic to retarded adults

The Acton Free Press.
Dear Sir:
I would like to comment on last week's article, "Social Bias Shelves Plan for Home for Retarded." It was extremely disappointing to find that people still have—and plan to keep—their biased opinions, for the mentally retarded.
They must not know anything at all about the mentally retarded. If they did, they would realize that there would be no danger what-so-ever of anyone from the home, being a hazard to their children. This only goes to show their own ignorance.
The community people, by verbal survey, had no objection to the idea; but one woman alone who opposed the idea rallied enough support to have the plan turned down!
They do not want to change or give these adults a chance. This is proven by the fact that these people would not even come to observe the mentally retarded in another

workshop. They were given the chance to base their opinions on something concrete—such as a personal observation—but refused.
They have no right to place such low standards on the mentally retarded. If they were educated, and knew what the retarded were like, they would realize that they are the most loving, kind, and forgiving people there are. They would be an asset to the community.
I am truly sympathetic with Mr. Beeny and Mrs. Isham. By reading the article, I know how great their frustration must be. I give them all my support, and hope that another site, within a considerate community can be found.
Yours sincerely,
Cheryl Ballantyne,
Student, Erin District High School.

Steam trip wonderful outing

Dear Sir:
People of today are very much averse to anything not modern. I do not see the reason for the Esqueping council to be so set against running a steam train from Cheltenham to Georgetown.
All the pollution from steam engines goes to feed plants, trees and farmers' crops. The exhaust from a car, truck, diesel or gas engine of any kind causes the most pollution in the world today.

If this train draws a crowd from other parts the novelty would soon wear off.
This proposal of a train trip would be a wonderful outing for everyone, without the worry of driving one's self. It would be a nostalgic trip for the senior citizen, to whom the steam trains were a happy way of travel in the past years.
The argument against this enterprise is one of the most childish things I've ever heard of.
Percy J. Woods

Show sympathy for the living

224 McDonald Blvd.,
Acton, Ontario.
The Editor,
Free Press, Acton
Dear Sir:
In last week's Free Press, there was a letter—a very good letter, referring to Respect for the Dead—Respect for the Living. The writer had a very good point. It gave me the opportunity to continue a subject, and to write in this manner.
Such as—a time to show sympathy—when it is golden, when this has passed it is too late.
We did not go near our friend when he was fighting his battle alone. We might have helped him then. What use is there in

coming to him now, when he has conquered without our aid?
We paid no attention to our friend when he or she was bending under life's loads and struggling with difficulties and adversities.
We never told him that we sympathized with him. Now that he is dead and lying in his coffin what is the use in our standing beside his still form, telling people how nobly he battled, speaking words of commendation.
We let him go on, when he so sorely needed our warm sympathy. We missed our opportunity to help. The letter part in last week's letter, the writer gave us food for thought.
Sincerely,
M. A. Sargent.



HEADING for third base in Saturday morning's T-ball game at the park, David Jackson is prepared to slide if need be, while third sacker Douglas Weaver waits for the relay throw. Coaches Glen Jackson and Don Ford have had the T-ball tots working out regularly in preparation for the season. (D. Gibbons photo)

O.P.P. report 40 occurrences this week recorded in O.P.P. books

Officers charged four motorists with "Impaired driving" and made six liquor seizures.
The total number of occurrences investigated was 40.
A large amount of stolen property was recovered. The property had been stolen from a local automotive business and was recovered in Milton. A Milton man was charged with theft over \$200 and will appear in Provincial Court in answer to the charge.
A local man, wanted by another police department, was arrested and returned to the investigating police force.
Two motor vehicle collisions were reported during the reporting week. One of the collisions resulted in serious personal injury to a local woman. The woman was hospitalized and the second driver involved was treated for minor injuries, and released. The second collision was reported as a hit and run and is still being investigated.
Pull off
Drivers! One place not to stop your vehicle is on the travelled portion of the highway. This is both dangerous and illegal. If for any reason you must stop on a highway, always pull off onto the shoulder. Vehicles stopped on the travelled portion of a highway have caused many serious collisions. When pulling back on the road again after a stop, make sure the road is clear and signal your intentions. These are simple precautions, but they can help prevent serious collisions.

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Anne Murray aids cause
Allan Beeny, a director of the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded noted Anne Murray for the Canadian singing star is the national honorary president for the Association. Miss Murray will be making appearances to promote Canadian National Week for the Mentally Retarded, which is May 13 to May 20.

100th campaign here at Trinity

A fund-raising program for Trinity United church began Monday. The official board has engaged Stan Lancaster of Streetsville to direct the campaign.
This is Mr. Lancaster's 100th campaign in 16 years; he has a record of 99 campaigns behind him—all successful. He was with the Wells campaign and then the United church fund-raising group, but for the past six years is working independently as a fund-raising consultant. This way he is able to stay closer to home, which is in Streetsville. He's an elder of Erindale United Church.
When he pointed out that this is his "centennial" campaign, he also noted that it will end in four and a half weeks on June 6 which is D-Day. He laughingly predicts another victory!

Health screening program for kindergarten
This year the Nursing Division of the Halton County Health Unit is offering a new health screening program to the young child entering kindergarten. Height, weight, urinalysis, vision, hearing, the Denver Developmental Screening Test and interview with the parent are all included. Pertinent information will be recorded on the medical form for the family doctor to use at the time of his examination of your child.
Dr. J. H. Chamberlain, Medical Officer of Health, said the objectives for this year in offering this service are as follows:
(1) To determine the health status of the young child at the time of his/her pre-school registration.
(2) To follow up identified health needs of the young children and their families.
(3) To provide an opportunity for health education and health guidance.
(4) To provide information about available community resources.
(5) To share information regarding the health status of the

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Assure Bowman by-law the same

Esqueping Council assured Sixth Line resident Peter Bowman at last week's meeting the township racing by-law which governs operation of Toronto International Dragway has not changed since the first year it was in force.
Bowman told council he had heard the dragway would be allowed to operate seven days a week. When he asked if the dragway had been sold since last September, clerk-treasurer Delmar French replied that the property had changed hands, but that operators of the dragway were the same.
"People seem to come up with the idea they can run whenever they want. At least now I've got something to go back at them with," Bowman concluded.

Great Gifts FOR GREAT MOMS
SUNDAY MAY 13th is Mother's Day
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