

# OUR READERS WRITE:

## Ban on non-returnables

Feb. 6, 1976

Dear Sir,  
I am heartily sick of listening to anti-environmentalists and other uninformed people crying that the banning of non-returnable containers will cost steel workers and others their jobs. In truth the fact is exactly the opposite.  
How do you make a non-returnable returnable? You put a deposit on it!  
Next, a government with guts passes legislation that industry has to re-use these

returnables, either by the refill process or by melting down and recycling. Result, manufacturers immediately switch to returnable containers (the extra handling makes more jobs).  
A substantial deposit ensures few containers are thrown away. Manufacturers of soft drinks etc. may cry a little, they may increase prices, but soft drinks etc. are not essential to our survival. Iron, tin, aluminum, etc. and the fuel used to process non-returnable containers are.

William A. Johnson

## Wants info on earthquakes

United States  
Department of the Interior  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
Denver Federal Center  
S Denver, Colorado 80225  
Stop 978 Box 25016

February 1, 1976

Acton Free Press  
Acton, Ontario Can.

Dear Sirs:

Branch of Earthquake Tectonics, U. S. Geological Survey is studying three earthquakes which had epicenters in your city's general region. We are trying to ascertain the damage these earthquakes caused and just how far away from the epicenters these damages were felt. We have discovered

that newspaper accounts of older earthquakes are an invaluable tool in making such judgements. Therefore, I am requesting a copy of any information your paper might have published regarding these three earthquakes. Especially useful are eyewitness accounts of earthquake phenomena by citizens and descriptions and/or pictures of damages.

The three earthquakes we are interested in are as follows:  
September 4, 1944 - Earthquake centered in Massena, New York.  
November 18, 1929 - Grand Banks of Newfoundland earthquake.  
February 28, 1925, (March 1, Greenwich time) St. Lawrence River region.



CORRIDORS OF Robert Little school are filled with Valentine Day signs. Work by young artists of the school show off the talent. Vicki Dowle and Linda Henderson create Valentines of hearts and doilies in Paul Kirby's art class on Wednesday.

Any information you could offer will be greatly appreciated. Many of the United States newspapers which I have sent this letter to, found that publishing my letter generated an enthusiastic response from the general public, prompting them to write reflections of their own experiences with these earthquakes. These citizen reports are very valuable to us and made for an interesting newspaper story.  
Thank you.

Sincerely yours,  
Lynn M. Watson  
Geologic Field Assistant  
U.S. Geological Survey

## Lewis hints at election while in Erin

Stephen Lewis, leader of the official opposition in the Ontario Legislature, spent last Wednesday morning in Erin Village after an interview with the Erin Advocate.

He joined a group of local district high school students in a lively question and answer session. In his talk with editor Bill Doole, Mr. Lewis said that "a gulf in priorities is emerging between the Davis government and the N.D.P." and that he wouldn't be surprised if we had another provincial election within the next few months.

It was Mr. Lewis' second visit to Erin in the past three months.

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## Pet of the week



PUREBRED Siamese Bluepoint is lovely Schazara, the pet of the Vadeika family of 150 Elizabeth Dr. Schazara is 13 years old and still loves to play.

## Seal campaign

While donations are still coming in to the Halton Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association, the results of the Christmas Seal Campaign are disappointing. Of those to whom Christmas Seals were distributed, only 25.7 per cent have responded, with a contribution. For these reasons, the 1975 Christmas

Seal Campaign has been extended to Feb. 29, 1976. Programs of the Association planned and funded with the successful 1974 campaign will conclude March 31, 1976.

Many people are taking holidays in the south these days.

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