



TOO MANY COOKS did not spoil the broth as night school microwave cooking course held its grand finale and banquet Monday. Eileen Saville and Diane Tappin catch Linda Griffin in the act as she samples some of the merchandise.



DOUBLE, DOUBLE, TOIL and trouble: Kathy Sanford gives one final stir to her mixture before putting it in the microwave oven to cook. She was part of a class learning the art of microwave cooking at night courses



KATHY SANWALD ARRANGES shrimp on a plate in preparation for the end of course celebration dinner held Monday at the High School. Women took a course in microwave cooking.

Freeloading ducks nuisance, says biologist in magazine story

Canadians have created Utopias for "freewheeling, freeloading" ducks and geese says an article in the November 1977 issue of Outdoor Canada.

The article entitled the New Morality for the Birds tells how municipal waterfronts across the country have provided year-round food, thus providing the waterfowl with a permanent home. This results in interbreeding and an identity crisis. Many of the birds are dying of malnutrition as the result of eating only bread diets.

Actonians can sympathize with the problems mentioned in the article as there is a seemingly annual controversy as to whether or not the town should feed the ducks or encourage them to fly south for the winter.

Bob Alison, a senior biologist with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, is quoted in the article as saying "In winter, when they (the ducks) should be down south, you can see hundreds of them swimming among chunks of floating ice in the beach areas (of Toronto) begging people for food."

Their nesting habits are also against their natural instincts as they will nest anywhere, including trees, on island airport runways and sports fields where children play. Dr. Alison explained that this can be dangerous as a gander, while weighing 24 pounds has a bit with the power of a baseball bat with its wing. In addition, in the

Synchronized swimming, clinic was cancelled for February 11, but has been rescheduled for February 25, according to pool supervisor Liz Binsfeld.

past year, there have been two major accidents involving collisions between light aircraft and geese.

The article goes on to say that when original wild flocks of geese and duck were in the same areas, before man scared them away, they did not interbreed. Dr. Alison explained that the reason for this is that the ducks and mallards breed in the winter, and spent their winters in different places. Now that they no longer migrate, the interbreeding takes place. The biologist fears someday, some of these "freaks" may decide to migrate, and end up with wild fowl, on their mating grounds. Their genes, the story goes, could pollute the natural population.

One solution to the problem, Dr. Alison told writer David Thompson, is to weed out and eliminate the "Freaks". However, public outcry against this kind of treatment results in no action being taken. "We are viewed as cold, callous scientists who are more interested in genes than in birds themselves," he said. "That is not true, but that's how people think of us."

The article went on to say that in time, nature will provide a solution in the form of disease. "Large populations of waterfowl which never move from a location are highly susceptible to a deadly disease called Duck Viral Enteritis," Dr. Alison said. "It's an intestinal infection carried in the droppings of infected birds. They write in pain before they die. And when a flock becomes infected, there's only one solution—the government will have to move in and destroy every duck and goose they can catch rather than just the hybrids."

The article is interesting,

especially for Acton residents. Mr. Thompson did not offer any solution to the question of whether or not to feed them. He lets the readers draw their own conclusions.



ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE Confidentiality of Health Records in Ontario

By Order-in-Council dated the 21st day of December, 1977, The Honourable Mr. Justice Horace Krever was appointed pursuant to The Public Inquiries Act, 1971, to:

1. review all legislation administered by the Minister of Health (for example, The Public Hospitals Act, The Health Disciplines Act, The Health Insurance Act and The Mental Health Act), together with any other relevant legislation administered by other Ministers, and any Regulations passed thereunder, to determine whether proper protection is given to the rights of persons who have received, or who may receive, health services, to preserve the confidentiality of information respecting them collected under that legislation;
2. to review the legality of the administrative processes under the above Acts; and
3. to report thereon to the Minister of Health with any recommendations for necessary amendments to the legislation and the Regulations passed thereunder.

NOTICE OF HEARING

The first session of the Commission will be convened on Monday, the 20th day of February, 1978, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Sutton Place Hotel, 955 Bay Street at Wellesley, Toronto, Ontario, for the purpose of establishing procedures and granting status to interested individuals and organizations. Anyone intending to participate in the Commission's hearings is invited to attend and may make submissions at the above noted time.

The dates, times and places of public hearings will be announced at a later time.

The Commission is asking for opinions, comments and information from all interested individuals and organizations. Anyone wishing to make a written submission or deliver relevant information to the Commission may do so, addressing it to:

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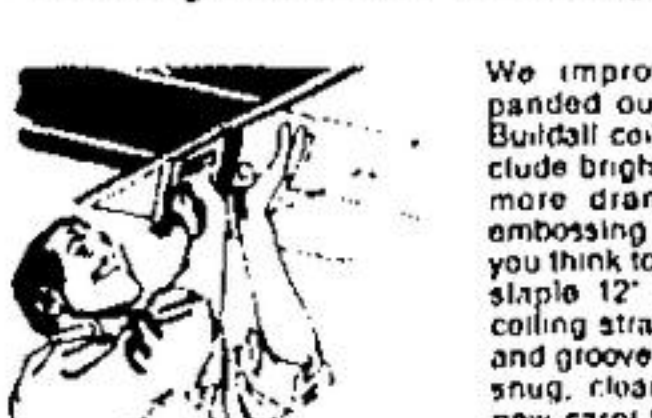
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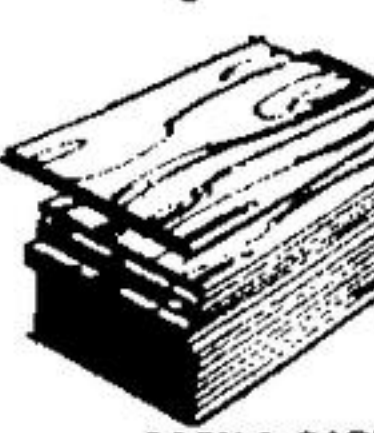
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