



More on topography: Every outdoors minded person should study and use topographical maps. This applies to hunters, fishermen, hikers, canoeists, etc. These maps as you know are easily available, and cost about fifty cents each.

That makes fifty cents worth of life insurance, and something that could save your life. Of course with this study of maps, called cartography, you must also learn the use of the compass. The one depends on the other.

Winter is a good time to learn as many people do not venture out regardless of the many opportunities offered during this season. The compass, preferably a lensatic compass can be purchased for approximately \$5. Cheaper ones are available but can not always be depended upon.

Maps and books on the subject can be obtained at the book shop in downtown Georgetown. Further information can be had by contacting me through the Herald office.

By studying various topographical maps it can be determined just what recreational opportunities are available in any area for the Sportsman. When you become familiar with these maps, they stand out like a picture.

While you are studying cartography, if you are lucky enough, why not light your fireplace. Problem: what kind of wood to burn? The following list will help you to make up your mind.

Species	Ease of Starting	Coaling Qualities	Sparks	Fragrance	(Class I best)
Apple	Poor	Excellent	Few	Excellent	II
Ash	Fair	Good	Few	Slight	II
Beech	Poor	Good	Few	Slight	II
Birch (white)	Good	Good	Moderate	Slight	II
Cherry	Poor	Excellent	Few	Excellent	II
Cedar	Excellent	Poor	Many	Good	III
Elm	Fair	Good	Very Few	Fair	II
Hemlock	Good	Low	Many	Good	III
Hickory	Fair	Excellent	Moderate	Slight	I
Locust (black)	Poor	Excellent	Very Few	Slight	I
Maple (sugar)	Poor	Excellent	Few	Good	I
Oak (red)	Poor	Excellent	Few	Fair	I
Pine (white)	Excellent	Poor	Moderate	Good	III

Obviously, excellent starters are poor burners and poor starters are excellent burners. This also applies to camp fires, so remember this when you are having trouble getting a fire going next summer.

Ice fishing is well under way and good catches are being reported. Unfortunately my trip on the weekend did not come off so I can not report to you personally. However, I will have a report phoned down from Lake Simcoe directly each week. If you are going up and don't want to go to a hut rental outfit, there are places available.

The Ministry of Natural Resources informs me that there is room at Sibbald Point Provincial Park. Campsites are available and camp ground roads are cleared.

These sites have hydro hookups and a heated washroom with hot and cold running water.

Some of the roads are designated for snowmobiles and total about six and a half miles, while other roads are for cross country skiing and snowshoeing. Sibbald Point is a convenient access point for Lake Simcoe. For those wishing to venture out on the ice, there are parking areas and a heated washroom. Further information can be had by phoning the superintendent at 416-722-5182.

Remember you need eight inches of clear blue ice to hold a car or even a snowmobile.

Don't forget I am always interested in your trips and your success in the Ontario Outdoors.

## Work Stoppages Decreased in 1973

Ontario labor minister Fern Guidon says there was a significant decline in the number of man-days lost due to work stoppages in 1973, compared to the previous year.

Referring to a preliminary report prepared by the research branch of the Ontario Ministry of Labor on collective bargaining settlements and work stoppages during 1973, he said that in 1973 there were 206 work stoppages affecting 83,139 workers, resulting in 1,636,460 man-days being lost.

Time lost in 1972 totalled 2,072,830 man-days, due to 188 work stoppages involving 68,590 workers.

The report stated that in construction during 1973, the number of man-days lost was 159,510, while for 1972 (a similar major bargaining year for that industry) there were 205,080 man-days lost. In 1969, when widespread work stoppages occurred, 1,360,350 man-days were lost in construction.

Mr. Guidon said as in former years, a few work stoppages accounted for a large proportion of the number of man-days lost. In 1973, 45.3 per cent of the man-days lost were the result of seven work stoppages. They were at Northern Electric Co. Ltd. (232,820 man-days), Ford Motor Co. of Canada Ltd. (165,000 man-days), Dare Foods Ltd. (95,760 man-days), Ontario-Minnesota Pulp and Paper Co., Fort Frances (72,840 man-days), National Steel Car Corp. Ltd. (69,300 man-days), and Ontario-Minnesota Pulp and Paper Co., Kenora (48,960 man-days). The report noted that the 31, 1973 there were 37 disputes

## Possible Inquiry into 1973 Warden's Dinner

The 1973 Halton County Warden's Dinner may become subject to a provincial inquiry. Gus Goutouski, a Milton realtor, presented a petition containing the names of 50 Halton County ratepayers to Ontario treasurer John White last Tuesday.

The petition asked that an inquiry be launched to determine why the Halton County council overspent \$2400 on the dinner after giving assurances they wouldn't.

**REQUIRES ACTION**  
Under the Revised Statutes of Ontario, any petition containing 50 or more names of ratepayers requires government action. Mr. White's decision on whether the inquiry is to be launched, is expected sometime next week.

Mr. Goutouski uncovered the overspent monies when he checked receipts following the affair. After the 1972 dinner, he had asked council to scrap the affair because of the cost to taxpayers.

Instead, he received a letter of assurance from then Warden Anne MacArthur stating

council would not do the line on the budget for the 1973 dinner. Mr. Goutouski said he was very pleased with his reception at Queen's Park, Tuesday but was somewhat disappointed to learn that a council can spend whatever amount they want for such an affair.

However, he said Anne MacArthur should not have written a letter stating that a \$1500 budget would be strictly adhered to.

**BIGGEST MISTAKE**  
"This was her biggest mistake," said Mr. Goutouski. "She gave me her assurance the budget would be kept, and yet it wasn't."

"Most persons would like to have trust in their government, but how can you when they tell you one thing and yet do another?"

However, Anne MacArthur, who is now mayor of Milton, defends her actions, and said the only reason Mr. Goutouski is raising the question is to get his picture in the paper.

"If I had it to do all over again, I would," she stated. Mrs. MacArthur said this dinner was special, because it

was the last of all Warden's dinner, and therefore the guest list had to be expanded.

**REAL DANGER**  
But Mr. Goutouski feels the real danger lies in the fact that the same persons who did it, are now on the new council of Milton and the Halton Region.

"The money has been spent and there is little that can be done to remedy that, but these people are back in office, and they probably bring their attitudes with them."

"They let this dinner get out of hand for two years in a row, and somewhere it has got to stop."

The Halton County Warden's Dinner has been a sore spot for 10 years, and at one point, a provincial inquiry was launched because of it.

That dinner, in honor of former Warden Herb Merry, went way over budget and was caught by county auditors. The auditors also noted that some county councillors were big spenders on the convention and travel circuit.

Lucy Stone was famous for calling for the retention of their maiden names by married women.

## Pensioners Should File Tax Credits

Pensioners and taxpayers who are not waiting for T4 or T5 slips should file now for their fair share of Ontario's tax credits, says revenue minister Allan Grossman.

Mr. Grossman told a meeting of senior citizens that residents who have no taxable income stand to benefit most from Ontario's tax credit system and should claim their tax credits before the rush of federal income tax returns begins.

"This year's tax credit program, which is integrated with the income tax system administered by the federal government, has been expanded," Mr. Grossman explained.

"We have added a sales tax credit and a pensioner tax credit to the property tax credit. It is estimated that about \$300 million in benefits will be paid to Ontario residents to bring greater fairness to the provincial tax system," he said.

Mr. Grossman continued: "We expect that two out of three Ontario taxpayers will share in these tax credits. Many pensioners, for example, will get somewhere between \$126 and \$300, depending on their particular circumstances."

Eligible residents must fill in certain pages of the federal income tax return and the purple Ontario Tax Credit Form attached inside the tax package, in order to claim even if they have no taxable income.

"I strongly urge senior citizens, welfare recipients and other residents who are not waiting for T4 or T5 slips to complete and mail an income tax return as early as possible," Mr. Grossman said. Residents who have not received an income tax return in the mail should pick one up at the Post Office.

Mr. Grossman said citizens requiring help in claiming their tax credits should contact either the nearest federal district tax office or telephone the Ontario Tax Credit Information Centre.

The Centre can be reached, free of charge, by dialing "0" and asking the operator for ZENITH 8-2000. Residents within the Metropolitan Toronto local-calling area should dial 965-8470.

**TAX CREDITS**  
The three tax credits are related to taxable income. The claimant must deduct one per cent of taxable income from his total credits to determine his net credit.

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