



TEEN ANGEL, TEEN ANGEL

Georgetown High students are well into rehearsals for their upcoming musical production of "Grease". They've been laboring away weekends and after school on weekdays almost since school started, getting down pat dance and song numbers. Here, a chorus of teen angels tries on the

frameworks for some interesting hairstyles the audience will enjoy when the musical opens at the John Elliott Theatre Nov. 17. For ticket information, contact the high school at 877-6964.

(Herald photo)

Our recreation dollars good news to wildlife

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In 1981 Canadians spent \$4.2 billion engaging in recreational activities related to wildlife. That's the major finding of a comprehensive survey of 100,000 individuals, from all regions and walks of life, that was carried out by Statistics Canada during 1982. Sponsored by eighteen organizations with various interests, it bears good news for conservationists, during a period of economic stress, when money talks louder than ever.

Published earlier this year by the Canadian Wildlife Service as *The Importance of Wildlife to Canadians*, the results of this ground breaking survey span a wide range of fascinating data on attitudes to wildlife populations, participation in various activities, as well as related expenditures.

For study purposes, wildlife-related activities were categorized as indirect (reading, buying wildlife art, joining clubs); residential (contact with wildlife around home or cottage); non-consumptive outings involving wildlife encounters; and, last of all, hunting. Fully 83.8 per cent of those surveyed engaged in indirect activities, showing

that interest in wildlife touches all sectors of society. Statisticians estimate, in addition, that Canadians spent close to \$120 million supporting wildlife organizations alone.

One conclusion really stands out challenging conventional wisdom. Fully half the total public expenditures on wildlife recreation (\$2.1 billion) were made by the one in five Canadians who took a special trip to watch, photograph, study or feed wildlife. By contrast only one in ten Canadians hunted and total hunting-related expenditures of \$1.2 billion account for less than 29 per cent of the grand total.

The finding turns the tables on a recent study done for Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources. It says hunting has far more economic significance than nature appreciation. But the sole author of this report, acknowledges he took a conservative approach to estimates on nature appreciation. His figures indicate, for example, that a typical "non-consumptive user" spent only \$4.50 in 1979 on equipment and supplies, about the cost of one roll of film. Conservative indeed.

Conservation gains from the federal survey in other ways than economics. At least 80 per

cent of those questioned strongly support the preservation of endangered species and the maintenance of abundant

wildlife populations in general. And 43 per cent expressed an interest in participating in wildlife organizations.



WHEAT WEAVER

You can make more than just bread and cakes with wheat, eight-year old Kenda Doucet of Dundas demonstrated as she joined her mother at the annual Georgetown Arts and Crafts Sale Saturday. Dozens of artisans from across the province set up booths in the North Halton Golf and Country Club and boards of people dropped by to take advantage of top quality workmanship at affordable prices. Kenda's example of wheat weaving will make an ideal Christmas decoration. (Herald photo)

Poppy week

The Royal Canadian Legion conducts a poppy campaign each year prior to Remembrance Day.

All proceeds are placed in trust accounts and after expenses - including the cost of poppies and wreaths - are paid, the funds are used to assist needy Canadian ex-service personnel and their dependents, ex-service personnel of Commonwealth countries, and of allied countries resident in Canada.

Uses include:
-Community medical equipment and medical research.
-Day-care centers, Meals-on-Wheels, transportation and related services for veterans, their dependents and the aged.

-Donations for relief of disasters declared by the federal and provincial governments.

Although the poppy campaign is national in scope, each Legion branch is responsible for running its own campaign and collecting and disbursing funds collected in its area. Money is not deposited in a central fund.

In 1982, \$2,605,706 was spent for welfare and services.

Poppies and Wreaths
In 1982, 11½ million poppies and 67,274 wreaths and crosses were distributed in Canada. An additional one million poppies were sent to the West Indies to help veterans raise funds to aid ex-service personnel and their dependents.

All poppies and wreaths are made in sheltered workshops by

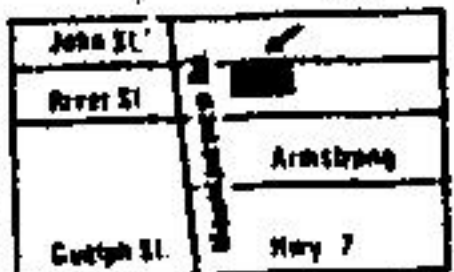
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