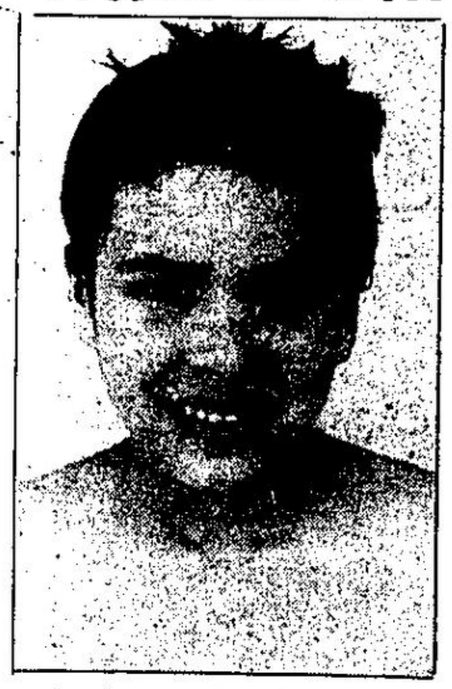
Youth Forum

What are the best things of summer?



Jordan Scarlett, 6, Georgetown: "Soccer because I like kicking the ball around and everytime I get a goal I get to go to the Dairy Queen."

Amy Wood, 6, Georgetown: "I like to go swimming and I like to go on my dad's boat."

Todd Wilson, 6, Georgetown: "I like riding bikes because you can go fast on them."

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IT'S YOUR HISTORY

Here comes the vote

(NC)—We may not always exercise it, we may take it for granted, but the right to vote is pretty important to most Canadians. And yet getting it was not easy.

The right to vote, or franchise, in Canada dates back to the mid-1800s, when eligible voters were, as in England, effectively limited to male property holders. The only difference was that in England, property ownership, and therefore the vote, was restricted to the privileged; in the colonies, land was pretty easy to come by, so a much larger portion of the male population had the vote. You could say we were more democratic!

Between 1867 and 1885, the federal government strung together the various provincial franchise definitions to arrive at a sort of national voters list. In other words, there was no uniform, nation-wide definition of who could vote in federal elections.

In 1885, Mcdonald's Franchise Act attepted to define an eligible voter, but made no mention of women. In 1898, Laurier reverted back to the old provincial formula. As a result, women in some provinces had the federal vote, while those in others didn't.

It wasn't until 1918 that women were finally given the federal vote. Manitoba, in 1916, was the first to grant women the provincial vote. Quebec, in 1940, was the last. Racial restrictions just like the property restrictions before them, were slowly done away with, to a point where, by the 1960s, Canada could finally lay claim to having a truly universal franchise.

If you'd like more information on the vote, why not cast your eyes in the direction of The National Archives in Ottawa; it houses all sorts of electoral documentation.

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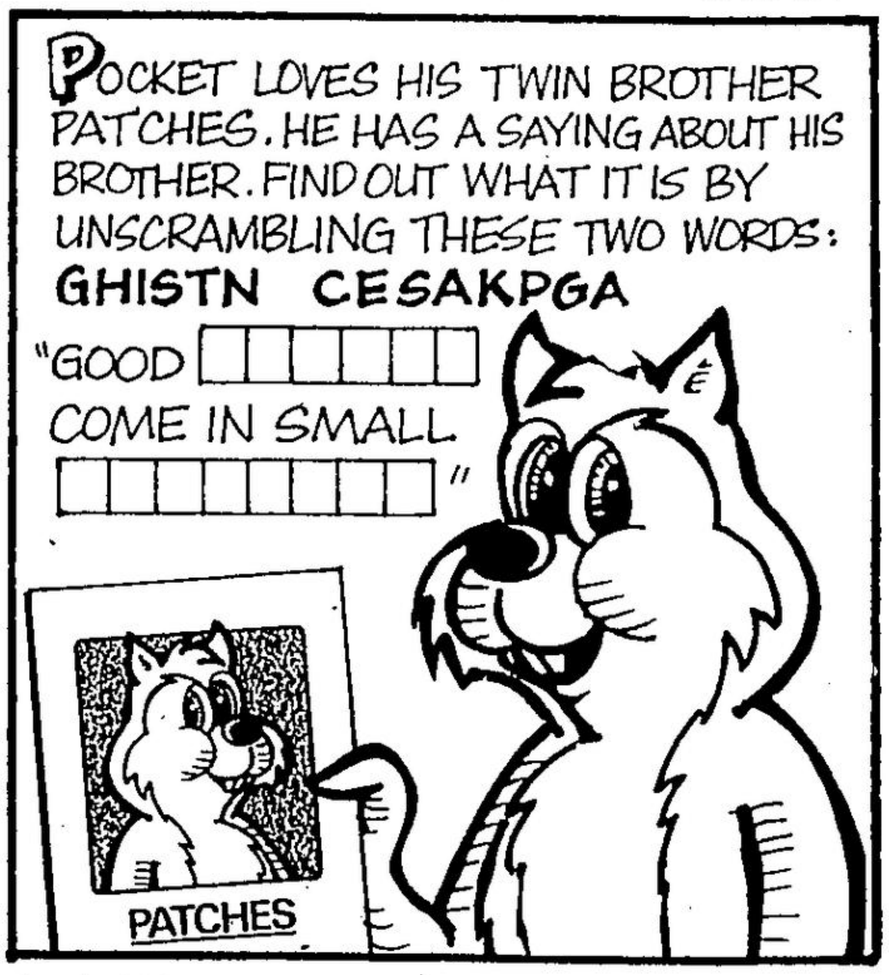
The number of Canadians who are 65 and older will double by the year 2025.



CARRIER OF THE WEEK BOYS—GIRLS

Greg, 10, a Grade 5 student at Park Public School in Georgetown has been delivering the Halton Hills Herald for two-and-a-half years.

He delivers 50 papers on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Greg uses his earnings to go golfing and to purchase basketball cards.

Besides golfing, he likes to play baseball. He is a member of the tyke rep team. He hopes to one day be a veterinarian.

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