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Time to repair the mailbox, again

It looks like the idiots were out again last weekend.

You know the type; airheads who delight in wrecking things.

Their target, Saturday night, was our mailbox. It's always the target. We live a long way in off the road, and can't see the mailbox, so it's a perfect target for those lacking in brains and common sense, who are out on an attack and destroy mission.

Ours wasn't the only one, however. About a half dozen mailboxes up the road were hit as well, smashed and sprayed with blue paint. In our case, the vandals even took the time and trouble to peel off the stick-on letters of our name. They must have been desperate for entertainment. Or maybe they have a use for the name "Ted Brown" in black and gold metallic letters.

Whatever the case, I only have one question.

Why?

What kick does someone get out of intentionally destroying

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another's property? I could wonder if it was something I said somewhere, or a grudge held against some member of my family, but they hit the other mailboxes as well, so I must assume ours was a random target.

Our mailbox has been nailed a few times over the years. The one time that comes to mind, it was smashed by a young man who rode up to it in the middle of winter on his snowmobile, smashed it, then drove away, leaving me a perfect trail to follow back to his home. That alone indicated how much of a micro brain he must have been.

Another time, someone hit it with their pickup truck, and knocked the box off the top of the post, which happens to be a very big post. In fact, it's an old hydro pole that has been buried in the ground about five feet, and it doesn't give very much. (Halton Hills' snow plow operators out this way can attest to that fact.)

Needless to say, the truck lost that match, and our mailbox suffered minimal damage.

And I must congratulate the young man driving that pickup truck for coming in to tell us he had hit our mailbox; even if it was a week after the fact.

I have threatened, over the years, to go to a welder, the next

time it happened, and have him custom design a mailbox out of quarter inch armorplate so it would be less susceptible to damage.

Say, he could build it complete with all the bells, whistles and alarms to signal when it's being tampered with. I suppose, for a few extra bucks, it could even house a small building for an off-duty cop to take shelter, so he could be right on the spot the moment the vandals strike.

Heavens, I could even build it big enough for Halton Regional Police to store one of their cruisers in, complete with a coffee machine to entice the cops to drop by during their rounds, so would-be mailbox rapists would be deterred from another attack.

I wonder, could it be the site of the newest armed forces base? The Canadian army could have its entire military forces stationed right there, beside my mailbox, in the event of a vandalism attack. We could even add an airfield for the fighter planes in the front field. I'm sure the neighbors could become accustomed to jets taking off.

Of, course that would only work as long as Mulroney doesn't send them off to the Persian Gulf or a Quebec Indian reserve again. Then I'd be right back where I started.

How about I just have an ordinary looking mailbox that has real surprise for any would-be mailbox-beaters? It could house a mini atomic bomb, and cover them in radioactive fallout at the first violation of my mailbox. Say, I like the sound of that one!

Or maybe I should just forget the whole thing and go out and rent a post office box instead.

Acton Food Bank

The Acton Food Bank is holding an upcoming meeting on Tues. April 23 at 8 p.m. at Trinity

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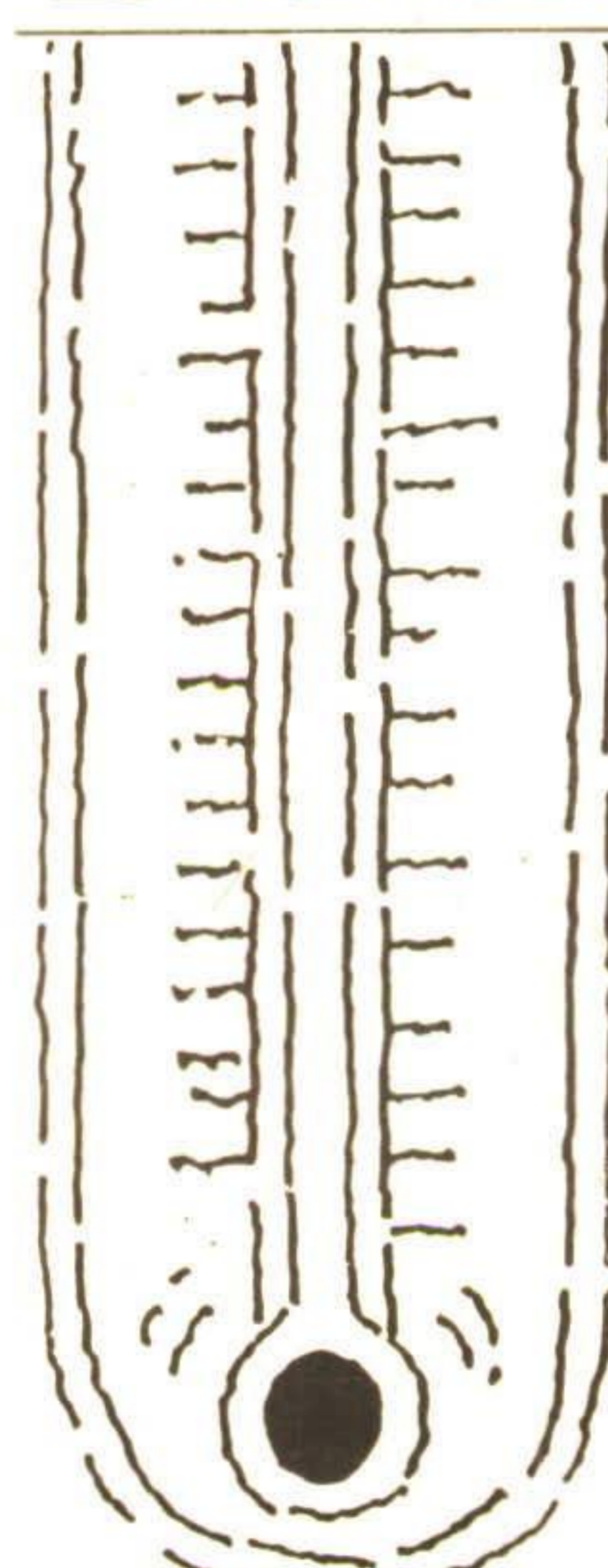
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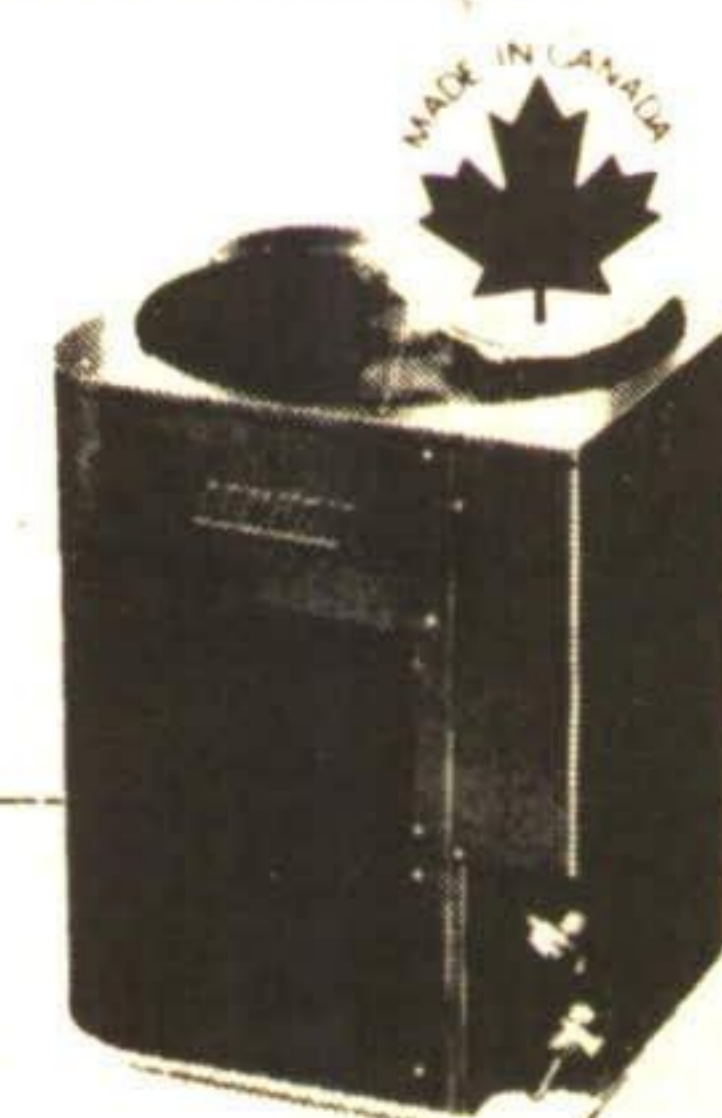
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