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Environment Survey

FINAL RESULTS OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS
WASTE SURVEY
From Within Bancroft

These results are based on the data collected from door to door canvassing within Bancroft. Data was taken from a total of 141 surveys, although each individual question has its own total since not all were answered on each survey. Percentages reflect the total for each question.

1) How often do you use hazardous household products? (use definition given of a hazardous product - excluding automotive necessities)

TOTAL: 132	Daily	22 %
	Weekly	55 %
	Monthly	23 %

2) How careful are you when disposing of household hazardous products?

TOTAL: 136	very careful	43 %
	careful	47 %
	not too careful	10 %

3 (a) Do you attempt to use less harmful alternatives to harsh chemicals? (ex. vinegar solution instead of a commercial glass cleaner)

TOTAL: 138	whenever possible	36 %
	sometimes	54 %
	never	10 %

(b) Do you find these alternatives effective and cost efficient?

TOTAL: 132	yes	54 %
	mostly	39 %
	not at all	7 %

4) Would you support the use of tax dollars in the organization of a household hazardous waste disposal day?

TOTAL: 135	yes	57 %
	no	11 %
	maybe	32 %

5) Would you be interested in a non-profit household waste exchange? This would involve giving left-over products that you plan to throw out, such as paints and stains, to others who can use them.

TOTAL: 137	yes	59 %
	no	10 %
	maybe	31 %

6 (a) When you buy a household product do you pay attention to hazardous symbols? ex. flammable or corrosive, etc.

TOTAL: 140	yes	59 %
	no	19 %
	sometimes	22 %

Flo Elliott Writes from Wilberforce

LOOKING BACK

It seemed to be such a busy summer - touristwise, that is.

These days we hardly ever get to meet any of these people. They come to their cottages, shop in our stores, go to our churches. But other than that they keep to themselves.

When we were kids it was different. Those were the days of the lodges, and people came year after year and stayed at the same place. Of course there were some cottagers around. In fact I imagine some of these people or their families still vacation around here. But Lodges were the big thing in those days.

The Terrace Inn, Sanderson's, Grace Lake Lodge, Normac Lodge were a few that were in business then.

One way they used to pass the time was to have baseball games. Sometimes it was the locals against the tourists; other times the tourists would join the locals against visiting teams from somewhere like Gooderham.

I recall Marg Sellers. Boy! Could she ever pitch!

Our young men were very good too. Murray Agnew, Bud Perry, Jim Miller, and the Sanderson boys were a few who kept the home team very competitive.

Between the locals cheering and the tourists cheering, it was like a party. Just an evening's fun.

In those days Agnew's Store and Johnston's Store were the only ones in town; and so you were bound to meet these people again while they were here. The roads were so hilly and rough, once the tourists got here they did very little travelling around.

Many of them came on the train, a day's journey from Lindsay. This was because the train had to stop so often to deliver mail or freight. It was almost as quick to walk; not as

much fun, though. It was likely quite an experience for first time visitors to ride on that slow train.

One thing about it, you might be a stranger when you go on. But with nothing else to do but talk to your neighbour, you likely had lots of friends when you arrived.

Those Lodge owners had to work hard, and at first without electricity. It was necessary to cook three meals a day on a wood stove in the heat of summer, make the beds and do the laundry, help entertain the guests, as well as take care of your own family. This was the woman's job.

The men had to carry water, keep boats in repair, catch bait for fishing, keep the wood stove stoked up, cut the grass, and generally keep things outside the house clean and tidy. Even though it was their living, I bet they longed for winter with all their hearts.

Of course the guests in those days were much easier to please, and enjoyed eating boarding house style around a big table. And after all they were really roughing it when they had to light their way to bed with a coal oil lamp. I wonder how they got along with the outdoor privy!

Whatever was going on in town, the tourists usually came to it. Mostly it was dances at Jack's Pavilion, but sometimes there would be a play or movie at the Orange Lodge. I guess little entertainment was better than nothing.

Now most people own their cottages and the lodges have almost disappeared - a convenience no longer needed in this fast paced world of ours. But nevertheless one which left some pleasant memories.

Bill Reed - Lewis Collection

By Stewart Smith ally with the project.

What a fitting tribute to a man who dedicated many years to this community!

The "Bill Reed-Lewis Collection" has been established at the Bancroft Public Library. The Council of Bancroft has assisted financially with the project.

He was a Trustee of the Bancroft Library Board for 15 years, and Chairman from 1982 to 1988; and again from 1990 to 1993.

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b) Are you aware of these symbols' meanings?

TOTAL: 139	yes	94 %
	no	6 %

7) Do you consider household hazardous waste to be a problem that you can help to improve?

TOTAL: 131	yes	90 %
	no	10 %

8) Are you ever concerned that the household products that you use may contain chemicals which could harm your health, or the health of your children or pets?

TOTAL: 139	yes	87 %
	no	13 %

9) Do you consider pesticides a contributor to hazardous waste?

TOTAL: 135	yes	89 %
	no	11 %

Letter

I humbly salute the heroism of Wilberforce's Reg Schofield, whose suffering shall not go unnoticed, and the loving kindness of his wife, Winnie, who so dramatically brought it to our attention.

Two great names to remember, folks:

Wilberforce, who emancipated British Empire slaves and Schofield, who became one that others might be free.

This was Scrabbled together in one hour, with blanks as Y/Y, by

Pete Stickland
Wilberforce

Hong Kong Hero

Iniquitous Japanese waylaid (Utterly fazed by captive raid) A remembered hero of Hong Kong We victoriously exalt in song.