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Second Section.

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choose to try the lake for his swim. It too is patrolled by lifeguards who make sure the swimmer stays in the proper area. A beach along the lakeshore is also available to those who would rather get a suntan than get wet.—(Staff Photo)

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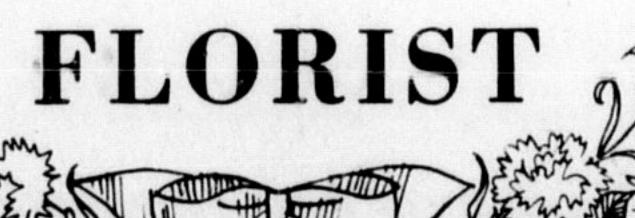


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BRRRR! Kelso lifeguard Carol Davies of Burlington was going to have a swim in the Kelso pool but chickened out at the last minute when she found out the water temperature was only 50 degrees. It has warmed up a lot since this picture was taken Saturday.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IN DEFENCE OF OUR DOGS

Dear Sir: Recently, statements in the Canadian Champion and Acton Free Press, and also public notices on canines in my opinion are invitations to any nut who has a gun to go out and shoot on sight any dog he sees.

Halton County Agricultural Representative for Department of Agriculture and Food, J. H. Stanley, made some claims that I would like him to substantiate. He claimed recently that the damage to livestock by canines will soon drain Townships of monies collected from dog taxes. Let us see the statistics to support these claims. I know in the Township of Nassagaweya last year dog taxes totalled \$1,356 and claims paid out to farmers for damage to livestock (not all caused by dogs) totalled \$761.

If it is claimed that farmers are fully compensated for damage to livestock by dogs, that is not the fault of the dog owners. It may also be assumed that some farmers don't claim damages. Well, you can't base acceptable statistics on assumptions, for by the same token it can be assumed that some farmers overclaim.

Legislation on canine control is such that unless the dog is actually within your household, it is fair game for any sadist seeking thrills. I am very fond of dogs, though I sympathize with a farmer who loses part of his livelihood to a vicious dog, fox, or irresponsible hunter. Let's compare the rules of the game. If my dog is loose in the city, and it is picked up by the dog-catcher, I can retrieve it for a fee. In the country if my dog escorts my children to the school bus stop, he can be shot and there is little I can do about it. On the other hand, if a farmer's gate is left open and his pigs, goats, cattle, horses, geese or sheep (I have had them stray on my property) trample or devour my shrubs or garden, and shoot one of them, the

fertilizer will surely hit the fan. There is a lot of hysteria over dogs-periodically we hear of packs of wild dogs, the panic subsides and we hear no more about them. Last year a woman complained at a Council meeting of a pack of wild dogs ravaging sheep, attacking her children. It didn't occur to me until after the meeting that this woman's next door neighbor was the deputy game warden and a small arms expert, yet he was never notified.

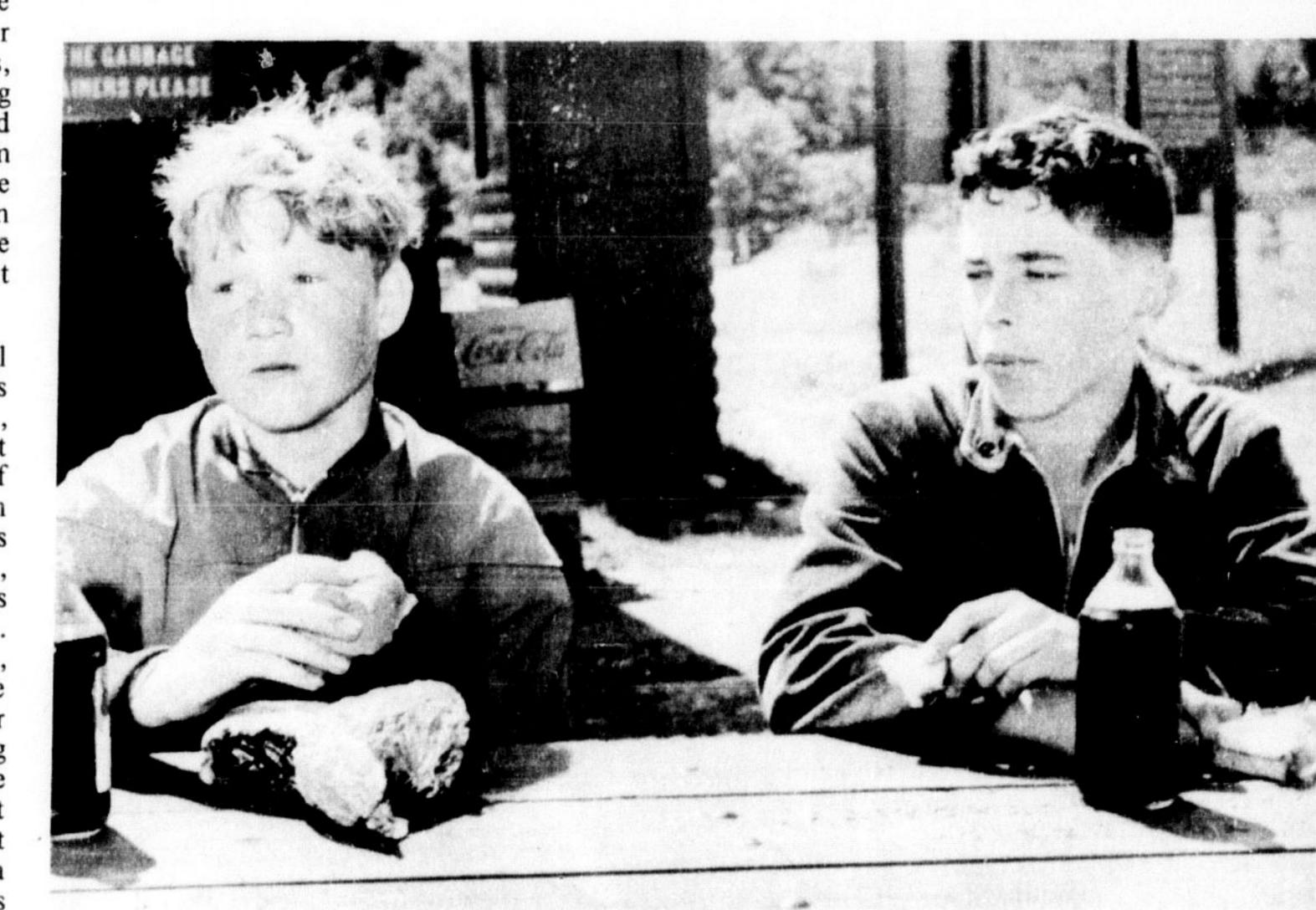
In the area of the Fifth Line and 15 Sideroad in Nassagaweya, good dogs have several disappeared recently. I myself, when searching for one of my dogs, found a puppy tied to a fence and blasted to death. A neighbor of mine has just this week received a phone call, the caller threatening to shoot his dogs. The trouble is, of course, the legislation. It was not written by farmers for farmers, and the average farmer (not all) can't see anything of value on legs unless it can be shipped.

William A. Johnson R.R. 2, Rockwood.



RECREATIONAL FACILITIES of all kinds are to be found at the Kelso Conservation area. This large family is occupied with a game of baseball. Other activities include horseback riding, boating,

fishing, picknicking, camping, swimming in the lake or in the large pool, and hiking on the numerous trails.



TIRED AND HUNGRY, these boys pedalled up to Kelso from Oakville on their bicycles. Oliver Pastinak on the left and Jim Bateman, right,

hungrily devour their lunches after making the arduous trip. The boys say they do this often, especially during the holidays.



ENTERING KELSO is one of the 682 automobiles for fun, sun and swimming. Some weekends last and trucks which passed through the entrance gate to the park last weekend. Officials estimate over 3,000 people came to the area during the weekend

year saw as many as 2,000 cars and 10,000 people make their way through the turnstiles.-(Staff Photos by Brian Ward)