

Can't get enough!

Some people just can't get seem to get enough! As if the winter isn't long enough already, avid snowmobilers attack the green grassy fields in the summer months. Sallow's Bait and

Sports Centre in Victoria Harbour on Highway 12 was the scene on Sunday afternoon for one of the first summer snowmobile races of the season. Staff photo

the bookworm

Non-believers will enjoy

to non-believers.

The Spiritual Frontier research. won't make a believer out William V. Rauscher's stimulating reading. If from Midland. Now, the purpose. An Episcopalian you're a skeptic, you can Minch's metal windpriest, Rauscher believes stretch your wits figuring are not only real, but are mysterious events forward spar, is in the in fact a primary medium recorded in the book. If for conveying God's you're a believer, you message to man.

The Spiritual Frontier Great Lakes. covers almost every Strange Adventures of that one can imagine - if latest in the fascinating that's the right word. series - fascinating at with the dead, apparent great inland sea. reincarnation, polterg- Boyer writes with such eists, ghosts and haun- knowledge and affection ting, possession and for the lakers and the men exorcism, precognition that sailed them in them. and telepathy.

The current wave of with irrestible verve: lightly the possibility of story.

the messages reported to up with her.' have been received by Boyer explains the Bishop James Pike after Great Lakes tradition his son's death. There are (particularly strong in also chapters of faith Canada) of hiring

Messages from "the healers Olga Worrall and qualified friends, neighother side", things that go. Kathryn Kuhlman. "bump" in the night, Rauscher is a former smen to make up a crew disturbingly prophetic president of Spiritual dreams - psychic Frontiers Fellowship and phenomena are enb- a member of the dlessly fascinating, even American and British Societies for Psychical

The Spiritual Frontier Collingwood with her. of a skeptic, but that is not is interesting and that psychic phenomena out rationales for the the sunken vessel's may find yourself dusting He relates his own and off the old ouija board.

others' adventures with Dwight Boyer of the the psychic world, in a Cleveland Plain Dealer, manner that reminds one addresses himself to of Allen Spraggett's "The mysteries of a different Unexplained' series. order. He is the writer of This isn't surprising, the Great Lakes books since Spraggett assisted True Tales, Ghost Ships, in the writing of the book. and Great Stories of the

psychic manifestation the Great Lakes is the Rauscher's adventures least for those of us who include communication live on the shores of the

And he describes his ships

demonomania inspired by "The Gunilda, a thing the "Excorcist", of beauty, was bustling frightens Rauscher. "I along with a bone in her believe too deeply in the teeth and her brightwork really of evil to take glittering..." begins one

possession by someone or When the Wolverine, something with vile in- the US Navy's first iron tentions toward man ... hulled vessel was pulled those young people are to the scrap yard after 70 playing with fire that may years of service, "she burn far worse than most began to show a dash of of them can imagine." spirit...when she was Much of The Spiritual finally pushed up on the Frontier is devoted to the mudbank, she petulantly late Arthur Ford and to kicked the towing launch

bours and fellow town-So, when the Anna C. Minch (the only ship on

the Lakes to bear a woman's name) broke apart and sank in 1913, she took six men from Seven of her crew were Huron. Institute in Collingwood. And there's the won-

derful tale of the Aztec. shrouded in impenetrable fog. Her Captain anchored her near the entrance to the St. Mary's River, nervous because he couldn't hear the Tour. blasting of the fog whistle on a nearby Lake Huron lightship. (Unknown to him, the horn was under repair).

When the fog lifted. they found the steering pole of the Aztec fouled in the rigging of the light-

Dwight Boyer is a master story teller, and anyone of any age who is interested in the romance and challenge of shipping on the Great Lakes will find Strange Adventures on the Great Lakes absorbing and entertaining.

promise of profits from uncontrolled subdivision of rural property or the increasing threat of calamitous world famine, urban people now seek farms for status symbols. most retaining their urban employment and income of course but a few actually attempt to support themselves by farming their land.

Farmers too are changing their views. Not many years ago at a farm meeting in Simcoe County a question was posed concerning the eligibility of persons to vote on a farm issue. A man in the audience abruptly solved the problem. He shouted "Who in hell would claim to be a farmer if he wasn't?"

Even to-day some older farmers bad mouth their occupation to no-body's credit. Not surprisingly their children can't leave the farm fast enough. Ironically the grandchildren of the disgruntled farmers like those second and third generation urbanites of today may also at some time seek out the soil.

Notably now there is a large increase in the numbers of university educated young people who actually return to take over the home farm as well as many urban raised youth who would like to begin farming if they could only swing it financially.

Just who is a farmer and who is not is a question that has stumped various levels of authority particularly in the last few years as governments have accepted the principle of subsidization of agriculture for the purpose

of equalizing income between urban and rural people, rather than allowing tarmers to demand f fair returns from the market

Urbanites have found that by maintaining a cow or two on their rural acres or by renting all or part of their holdings they become by law a farmer and eligible for grants and subsidies designed to support and encourage bona-fide agriculture endeavours. Some have even manipulated government assistance for their rural lifestyle with paper cattle - a practice of buying and selling livestock on paper only to show the financial involvement of agriculture required to obtain certain types of assistance. Others of course do actually maintain livestock year round and make a serious and creditable attempt at

Farmers view the "city farmers" with mixed feelings. While often considered a curse on agriculture because they tie up farm land that could be used for expansion of existing farm operations their inexperience in such duties as maintaining line fences, controlling weeds, etc. has meant additional responsibilities for other land owners - their existence has brought economic opportunities in other forms. For the retiring farmer a "city buyer" generally meant selling for much more than his land was worth. Often the naive intruder also found

As a rule, man's a fool, always wanting what is not himself the proud owner of someone else's culled livestock or worn out machinery. Few city transplants who have owned their farm for long are heard to repeat the urban comment that farmers "are poor

businessmen" The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, two years ago, established a committee to advise the government on how to define a farm. The committee has reported to the minister but no legislation has been

presented to date. Farmers have generally resisted licencing or registration fearing bureaucratic control over their activities. Recent disucussions with officials involved in reassessment of Ontario properties (there are over 30,000 "farms" in Southern Ontario of 30 acres or less all eligible to benefit from "farm value assessment") indicates that much of Ontario agriculture assistance or otherwise consumer subsidies benefit a relatively select group of consumers.

It would seem given the provinces intention to trim spending and the higher profile that genuine agriculture must assume as consumers turn from the products of a frivolous commercial industrial economy that those men "wanting (to be) what is (they are) not" should at least be required to finance their adventures without the assistance of public

Young men on Soil and Crop tour

than farming.

by Ron Jones

That insight into life was part of the

philosophical side of education that students

of a Tay township one room school were

exposed to when such scholastic institutions

While it could have been a prophecy of the

trial and error classroom experiments that

followed the rural school system it also

depicts the lifestyle adjustments people seek,

now that owning rural property or "a Farm"

When the parents of to-day's primary

school children were attending (then) high

school, farming was a despised occupation -

teachers would ridicule aspirations to

agriculture. It was acceptable of course if

one was to go on to an agriculture college but

at that time a very small percentage of those

graduates actually returned to the farm.

Generally well meaning teachers felt duty

bound to lift the students, particularily the

gifted ones, to a more rewarding occupation

How times change! Whether it was the

were common place a few years ago.

As a rule a man's a fool

has become the in-thing.

When it's hot he wants it cool

When it's cool he wants it hot

Always wanting what is not.

Two young men from the Elmvale area will be representing the North Simcoe Junior Farmers on the 1975 Soil and Crop

The tour is being held from July 21-25 and includes visits to commodity markets, fifteen practical farms, and food processing facilities.

The tour begins at Guelph and from there goes on to the Regional Municipalities of Halton, Peel, York and Durham.

The purpose of the tour is to provide an opportunity for young farmers to make an extensive study of modern principles of soil and crop management as they apply to overall farm management.





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